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NEGRO ATHLETE ACCEPTS BID TO PLAY AGAINST WHITE PRO TEAM

Jerome Hartwell (Brud) Holland, '38 All-American Star is First Negro to Play in Classic

Annual Gridiron Classic to be Held in Polo Grounds (New York Giants' Park) on the Night of September 7, Featuring Nation's Top-Notch Athletes Who Received Their Sheepskins in Last Spring's Graduation Exercises, Against World's Pro Champions

By HALODY MORNE

Black Dispatch Sports Writer

NEW YORK.—For the first time in the history of the sport, a Negro athlete, Jerome Hartwell (Brud) Holland, Cornell University's star and one of '37 and '38 unanimous selections as an All-American, accepted an invitation to participate in the fourth annual All-Stars versus the professionals grid classic to be held in New York on the night of September 7.

Dr. John Bain Sutherland, nationally known Pittsburgh university football mentor, who resigned last spring, released this announcement last week. Coach Sutherland has been selected to guide the destinies of the college All-Stars in this contest.

The affair is sponsored by the Tribune Fresh Air Fund and each player on the All-Stars' squad is selected by ballots contributed by football fans throughout the nation.

through a nation-wide poll. This year the committee hopes to get enough votes to land Bernie Jefferson, Northwestern halfback, and Horace Bell, Minnesota guard, on the squad.

In the 1937 campaign this committee solicited and secured 356,000 votes for Oze Simmons and a similar number for Dwight Reed and Homer Harris. All of these votes were insufficient to place either of these lads on the team.

Plays End Position

Hailed as a great ball-carrying end, Holland earned his All-American rank[illegible] remarkable blocking [illegible]e ability. Backs [illegible] to swing around h[illegible]on [illegible]em Sid Luckman, [illegible]ollar[illegible]ns on the All-Star squad, remarked that he was one of the hardest men to knock down, and if he was knocked down, he was always the fastest getting back on his feet.

He is the third end announced for the All-Star squad. The others are Bill Daddio and Fabian Hoffman, two of the ten Pittsburgh players who accepted All-Star bids.

Holland will play his last game in the test against the Giants. He will teach social sciences at Lincoln university and assist Manuel Rivero in coaching the Lincoln football team.

Weighing 210 pounds, standing 6 feet 2 inches, and extremely fast, played left end through his three varsity years under Coach Carl Snavely at Cornell. He had been a fullback and halfback in school at Auburn, N. Y., and also in his freshman year. His backfield experience and speed stood him in good stead on end-around plays, of which Cornell made extensive use owing to Holland's presence.

How You Can Help

Every Negro sports enthusiast in the United States can aid in this movement by soliciting the names and addresses of all his friends and mailing them either to his home town Negro newspaper or to the Chicago Tribune, sponsors of the annual game with committee headquarters located at 558 East 47th street, Chicago, Ill. Won't you do your part?

Xavier's SIAC Basketball Champions

Here are the men of Xavier University, New Orleans, La., who swept to the SIAC championship for the second consecutive year. The tournament was held at Tuskegee last week.

Reading left to right (front row): Henry Blackburn, Lucius Thomas, James Hall, Edgar Reeves, Allen Summers and Coach Ted Wright; (back row), Coach Giles Wright, Xavier's trainer, Wince King, Fred Bluett, Henry Harris, Zeonidas Epps and Frank Crozier. Small child in center (front) is "Snuffy", son of Coach and Mrs. T. A. Wright.

Experts Say Xavier's Present Team 'Best'

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala.—Logan Hall, the magnificent gymnasium of Tuskegee Institute, was packed with 2,750 fans Saturday night in the final episode of the Sixth Annual Southern Intercollegiate Conference basketball tournament.

Xavier University of New Orleans, Louisiana, winners in 1938, extended her streak to two in a row by defeating the Morehouse College Tigers from Atlanta, 55 to 24. It was the most decisive defeat any SIAC finalist has ever suffered, studded with men much in excess The talented Ted Wright outfit, of a six foot three inch average in height, made short work of the Atlanta team which had become a tournament sensation by stopping Clark, a favored team, 39 to 35, and getting past Tuskegee's host team in a heart-stopper, 25 to 24.

Most of the experts who saw the matchless Xavier team march on to victory were of the opinion that they were looking at one of the greatest college teams in history, a team destined to eclipse the "Ambassadors" of 1935-1938. This team toyed with the Maroon Tigers and won the game without even working up a sweat. Trickery, befuddlement, bewildering height, defense, offense and great hogging and retrieving of the ball sent them ahead of Morehouse, 51 to 18, with four minutes left to play. Coach Wright sent in a brand new team, one taller and practically as able as the first. Coach Forbes also inducted substitutions and in the final moments the Maroons put on a surge to climb to 24.

Xavier had a close call with Florida on Thursday night and required an extra period to win, 38 to 35. The Catholics snapped back to par on Friday night to banish Alabama 48 to 27, and roared over Morehouse finally, 55 to 24.

Record throngs saw the spirited series to establish a new total attendance mark for the event. The first titan to fall was favored Clark University of Atlanta. The Cardinal and Black brought the finest record to the meet—13 victories and only 1 defeat. Injury to Clarence Younger, sensational New Yorker, on the first play of the tournament, however, put the Georgians on the wrong road. They got by Knoxville 42 to 37, but a few hours later bowed to Morehouse, 39 to 35. February, 4 Clark defeated this same Morehouse team, 66 to 26.

Florida, a dark horse, barely shaded Talladega, 42-41, in the first encounter. Clark followed with a 42-37 win over Knoxville, and a surprising Tuskegee team felled Morris Brown's seeded Purple, 49-42. State Teachers College, Montgomery, halted Fisk, 50-28; Xavier took Florida after much confusion, 36-35, and Morehouse ended the first day's play by upsetting Clark, 39-35.

Friday evening in the semi-finals, Morehouse eked Tuskegee in a frenzied duel, 25-24, for the right to meet Xavier, 48-27 victors over Alabama, for the championship Saturday night. Tuskegee and Alabama were thus delegated to the consolation game for third place.

Alabama took Tuskegee, 40-38, in the most interesting game of the week. This one had the crowd electrified all the way with the lead changing nine times.

Armstrong Trains For Ambers Go

POMPTON LAKES, N.J., July 28—Henry Armstrong arrived in camp Wednesday to begin training for his 15-round fight with Lou Ambers for the lightweight title of the world August 22.

In this bout the champion will be defending his laurels against the man from whom he won the title and likewise the toughest man in the division in the opinion of sports writers and boxing enthusiasts. As one critic put it, there is so little to choose between the two men, based on what occurred in that previous meeting that a slip by either might well afford victory for the other.

Armstrong Taxed

Armstrong gained a well-deserved decision in that previous meeting, but was taxed to the limit. Both men were weak at the finish, marking the first time Armstrong had really been extended in more than a dozen fights in and around New York. His lip was bleeding, one of his eyes badly cut and his hands sore as boils. But as the old story goes, "You shold have seen Ambers." Lou was in a bad way himself. His face was cut to ribbons in a manner that had him covered with blood. But Ambers says he'll even the score in this meeting. The game little battler expresses all manner of confidence in himself and says he'll beat Henry sure.

Armstrong will work out at Pompton Lakes for the period of his training. The first few days will be taken up with road work and light exercises. Strangely enough, the little two-way champion (he has given up one of his titles) needs less training than most boxers to be at his best. He loses weight very fast during training and his brother-trainer, Harry Armstrong, expresses fear that he will become weakened through remaining at a low weight.

When Armstrong isn't in training he eats the kind of food that will make him take on weight. He says this makes him stronger and says the taking off of weight does not weaken him materially. He will work three sparmates that are now being assembled by a flock of Mike Jacobs' assistants. The fight comes off August 22, which is quite a few days away.

Complete Arrangements For Tuskegee-Wilberforce Game

Captain R. S. Darnaby, representing the athletic committee of Tuskegee institute, and Isaac S. Lane, graduate manager of athletics at Wilberforce university, and Charles F. Points, members of the Wilberforce Athletic committee, completed arrangements here for the annual Tuskegee-Wilberforce football game which will be played at Soldiers field, Friday night, October 13.

This year marks the tenth anniversary of the Tuskegee-Wilberforce game series. Effort is being made to make this annual gridiron attraction the most successful as well as the most spectacular in the long series of engagements.

The Chicago-Tuskegee and the Chicago-Wilberforce clubs have already begun activities to focus attention upon the game and have joined in a ticket selling campaign which will continue until the date of the classic.

Women ON ATHLETICS

Tuskegee Lassies To Defend Track Honors

TUSKEGEE, Ala., Aug. 14—Members of Tuskegee's world famous women's track and field team have been working out daily in the alumni bowl getting in condition to go to Waterbury, Conn., late in August where they will defend their National A.A.U., senior women's track and field championship the first week in September which they have won for the last two years. The Tuskegee thinly clad lassies first won the national title at Trenton, N.J., in 1937 and repeated at Naugatuck, Conn., last year.

In this meet Lula Hymes, Tuskegee's greatest feminine star, copped major honors in the championships. She won the broad jump for the second consecutive year, captured the 100-meter dash, dethroning Clara Isicson, of Long Island university, and ran the anchor leg on the 400-meter championship relay team. She was voted the outstanding individual athlete of the meet and received a beautiful loving cup, symbolic of the honor, from the Connecticut A.A.U. authorities.

The nearest approach to Miss Hymes in the meet was the record of Miss Catherine Fellmeth, representing Dvorak Park Athletic club, who was spectacular as she annexed the shot put and discus events.

In the 1938 championships the final team totals were:

Tuskegee Institute	30
Eastern Women's Athletic club of New York	15
German-American Athletic club of New York	12½
Park Central Athletic club of New York	12
Dvorak Athletic club of Chicago	12
Polish National Alliance of Chicago	7
Long Island university	7
Boston Swimming association	7
Mercury Athletic club of New York	6
McDowell Athletic club of Cleveland	4
Brockton (Mass.) Girls' Athletic club	2½
Crystal City Athletic club of St. Louis	1

There were many schools, clubs and individuals that did not score any points.

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Armstrong Winner By K. O.; In Cleveland Bout

CLEVELAND, Dec. 15—Henry Armstrong, world welterweight champion of Los Angeles, stopped Jimmy Garrison of Kansas City, Mo., in the seventh round of a scheduled 10-rounder of a double feature of the Cleveland News Christmas fund show Monday night, Dec. 11, before 12,000. The other feature was between Al Hostak, Seattle world middleweight champion, who stopped Eric Seelig, New, in the first round of a scheduled 15-round battle.

The white Kansas Citian put up a stiff fight against the weaving bobbing windmill for six rounds but was worn down by Armstrong and in the seventh went down from a right to the jaw by Armstrong. Garrison went down for the count of nine but was up only to meet a shower of Armstrong's blows which sent him reeling and forced Garrison's seconds to toss in the towel. The end came after one minute and 21 seconds of the seventh.

Garrison had played 10 rounds with Armstrong recently in Los Angeles.

In the fourth Armstrong opened a cut over Garrison's eye and in the sixth blood flowed from both optics. Ben. Leonard, former world lightweight champion, refereed the bout.

Armstrong weighed 138½. Garrison's weight was 141.

Jimmy Reeves, former national light heavyweight amateur champion, knocked out Horace Gresham with a right uppercut in one minute and 20 seconds of the first round. Both are from Cleveland.

Kenny Washington Best Back Met By U. Of Washington

SEATTLE, Dec. 100 — Kenny Washington, University of California at Los Angeles halfback, was the outstanding player among football teams the University of Washington met this year, squad members announced today in picking an all-opponent team.

Washington received 25 of the 33 votes cast.

The team selected by the Huskies was composed of Reginato, Oregon, and Fleischhacker, ends; Anderson, Stanford, and Stuart, Oregon, tackles; Shultz, Oregon State and Smith, U. C., guards; Levine, Washington State, center, Schindler, U.S.C., quarterback; Washington, U.C.L.A., and Cassiano, Pittsburgh, halfbacks, and Standlee, Standford, fullback.

Coach Jimmie Phelan named his own all-star team as follows: Marr and MacDowell, Washington, ends; Stuart, Oregon, and Anderson, Stanford, tackles; Smith, U.S.C. and Schultz, O.S.C., guards; Mucha, Washington, center; McAdams, Washington, quarterback; Washington, U.C.L.A., and Loffman, U.S.C., halfbacks, and Kisselburgh, O.S.C. fullback.

ARMSTRONG STOPS GARRISON IN 7TH

Retains Welterweight Crown Before 13,000 at Charity Show in Cleveland

HOSTAK IS VICTOR IN FIRST

Seattle Fighter Halts Seelig to Keep His N. B. A. Middleweight Championship

By The United Press.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 11—Middleweight Champion Al Hostak and Welterweight Champion Henry Armstrong retained their world titles wth knockout victories tonight in Cleveland News Christmas Fund show before 13,000 fans at the Arena.

Blond Hostak of Seattle, who is recognized as 160-poud king by the National Boxing Association, made an impressive showing in his first fight east of the Rockies by knocking out Eric Seelig, German veteran, in the first of a slated fifteen-round fight.

Armstrong, somewhat recovered from a severe cold, registered a technical knockout over Jimmy Garrison of Kansas City in the seventh of a scheduled ten-round bout.

Hostak stopped his man in such quick time that experts assembled from many cities had little time properly to judge his all-around ability. But the 23-year-old knockout artist from the Northwest left little doubt as to his punching prowess when he put Seelig down for the count of nine with a straight right to the chin and then floored him for the full count with a right uppercut.

Henry Not Impressive

Armstrong, although he knocked out the rugged Garrison, who had gone the full ten-round distance in October with Henry at Los Angeles, was not so impressive as usual.

Hammering Hank tore after his man in the first three rounds and in the third had Garrison staggering and bleeding from a gash on his right cheek. Then Armstrong tired because of the illness that had forced him to cancel his scheduled title defense against Lou Ambers at New York on Dec. 1 or he coasted during the next three sessions.

However, he set to work in the seventh and floored blood-smeared Jimmy with a left hook to the chin for the count of nine. Garrison rose, but a barrage of hooks sent him to the canvas again in such a helpless condition that referee Benny Leonard, former lightweight champion, halted the massacre at 1:19.

Garrison fought on even terms only in the second round. The challenger weighed 141 pounds against Armstrong's 138¾.

Hostak's quick victory was his first in a campaign to bring about a title scrap with Ceferino Garcia of the Philippines, who is recognized as middleweight champion by the New York State Athletic Commission. Hostak's manager, Eddie Marino, who is a warm friend of Nate Druxman, Seattle promoter, hopes to entire Garcia into the Washington metropolis.

If this campaign fails, Hosta would like to challenge Light heavyweight Champion Bill yConn for his crown in Seattle. Since Conn is under contract to Promoter Mike Jacobs of New York, Hostak, in return for Conn's Seattle services, would meet Garcia in New York to settle the 160-pound dispute.

Meanwhile, Hostak probably will defend his crown against Tony Zale of Chicago at the Chicago Stadium in January. Armstrong, too, may defend his welter crown again against Davey Day of Chicago.

Hostak, a rangy lad with a face reminiscent of Bing Crosby, opened the round cautiously and then launched a murderous attack. A series of straight rights and lefts to the head had Seelig staggering forward, then a smashing straight right to the button floored him for the count of nine. As Seelig arose from the canvas blood was spurting from his nose and flowing from a deep gash on his right brow.

Seelig, former middleweight and light-heavyweight champion of Germany, gamely tried to ward off the blizzard of blows, but a right uppercut caught him under the chin and dumped him backward to the canvas. Seelig attempted to rise, then slithered over onto his side.

As Referee Tony La Branch tolled the count of ten, Seelig finally managed to get to his feet, but La Branch pulled him to his corner. He was counted out at 1:21.

Dave Castilloux, Montreal, Canadian lightweight and featherweight champion, won a six-round decision from Mike Gamiere. Castilloux weighed 132 pounds, four less than Gamiere.

RAP CHAMPION FOR FAILURE TO MEET AMBERS

Commissioner Wear Plans Action.

New York, Dec. 12 (AP).—Commissioner D. Walker Wear of the New York state athletic commission said today he would recommend suspension of Henry Armstrong, welterweight champion, for fighting Jimmy Garrison in Cleveland last night after failing to meet Lou Ambers here Dec. 1.

"There is no question but what Armstrong ran out on his fight with Ambers," said Wear.

Armstrong contracted a cold and the bout with Ambers was canceled. The commission cautioned the champion he should not fight Garrison. In last night's bout Armstrong stopped his opponent in the seventh round.

Armstrong's manager, Eddie Mead, was suspended in this state following the September fight in which Ambers regained his lightweight title from Armstrong.

N. B. A. TAKES STAND.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12 (AP).—The National Boxing association, refusing to recognize last night's Al Hostak-Eric Seelig and Henry Armstrong-Jimmy Garrison bouts in Cleveland as championship affairs, said today that Ceferino Garcia was Hostak's logical rival and that Armstrong should take no more legitimate challengers. Hostak knocked out Seelig in the first round.

The N. B. A., it said, recognizes as title fights only bouts between the champion and one of three listed leaders in his own class.

It contended that Holman Williams, Charley Burley, Fritzie Zivic or Pedro Montanez should have a crack at Armstrong's welterweight title by Jan. 12.

Middleweight Champion Hostak, association said, should defend his title against Garcia as soon as Garcia returns from Manila.

In the featherweight division, the N. B. A. ruled that the winner of the New York's Petey Ccalzo-Simon Chavez bout would deserve a title bout with Champion Joey Archibald.

AMBERS SEEKS BOUT.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 12 (AP).—Lightweight Boxing Champion Lou Ambers said today he is "ready to meet Henry Armstrong any time it can be arranged."

The Herkimer hurricane, here to referee amateur bouts in a district Golden Gloves competition, declined comment on a statement in New York by State Athletic Commissioner D. Walker Wear that he would recommend suspension of Armstrong for fighting Jimmy Garrison in Cleveland last night, without first meeting Ambers.

Wear asserted "there is no question but what Armstrong ran out on his fight with Ambers," scheduled for Dec. 1.

Final CIAA Standings

The Virginia State Trojans were awarded the CIAA football championship officially, Saturday, at the annual meeting held at A. and T. College, Greensboro. Bluefield, which tied Harry (Big Jeff) Jefferson's team for the only blemish on the Trojans' conference record, was second in the standings. Afro-American

The official standings, based on the Dickinson Rating System, which the conference has used for years, are: 12-23-39-Baltimore, Md

Team	W	L	T	Pts.	D	A
Va. State	7	0	1	132.5	5*	26.50
Bluefield	4	1	3	175	8	21.88
J. C. Smith	4	2	0	130	6	21.67
Lincoln	4**	1	1	107.5	5*	21.50
A. and T.	3	2	2	137.5	7	19.64
N.C. State	4	3	0	135	7	19.29
Hampton (A).	3	3	1	132.5	7	18.93
Second Division						
Morgan	2	3	2	120	7	17.14
Union	3	4	0	100	7	14.29
Shaw	3	5	0	110	8	13.75
St. Paul	2	6	0	100	8	12.50
Howard	0	6**	0	60	6	10.00
St. Augustine..	0	3	0	30	3	10.00

Code of Symbols: W—Won; L—Lost; T—Tied; Pts.—Points; D—Divisor; A—Average.

**—Howard-Lincoln game declared "no contest" and not counted in the tabulations.

(A)—Section C, Item 2, of the Dickinson System reads: "A team with a percentage of .500 is in the second division; it will be considered in the first division if one-third of its games have been against first division opponents and have resulted in one victory and one tie."

*—Section B, Item 1, provides that victories of first division teams over second division teams shall be eliminated from the final calculations, provided as many such victories be counted as the team in question has losses or ties. This was done in the cases of Virginia State and Lincoln.

Only Undefeated Football Team In The Nation Among The Negro College Groups

Black Dispatch 12-16-39

Oklahoma's only Negro college earned a season's rating for an average of 26.07 by Dickerson system, based on wins, losses, ties and quality of schedule played. An average of 30 theoretically would be equivalent to perfect.

Oklahoma City Okla.

BY LUCIUS L. JONES

(Sports Editor of The Atlanta Daily World)

(Editor's Note:—This article is reprinted through the courtesy of Mr. Jones, a gentleman whom we think is one of the most well informed sports authorities among the race scribes).

Team—	W.	L.	Tied	Av.	PF	PA
1. Langston (Okla.)	7	0	1	26.07	98	26
2. Florida A. & M.	7	2	1	24.64	154	59
3. Virginia State	7	1	1	23.93	98	26
4. Wilberforce (O.)	6	2	0	23.57	101	4
5. Alabama State	5	2	2	22.86	93	50
6. Morris Brown (Ga.)	6	2	1	22.14	109	62
7. Bluefield (W. Va.)	5	2	3	21.87	102	38
8. J. C. Smith (N. C.)	7	2	0	21.67	86	70
9. Lincoln (Pa.)	5	2	1	21.50	73	42
10. Tennessee State	4	3	1	21.07	145	70
11. LeMoyne (Tenn.)	3	3	1	21.07	58	51
12. Xavier (La.)	5	4	0	20.71	50	57
13. Ag. & Tech. (N. C.)	4	2	3	19.65	112	37
14. Lane (Tenn.)	4	3	1	19.64	89	55
15. Morehouse (Ga.)	4	3	1	19.64	77	35
16. Kentucky State	6	1	0	19.29	165	28
17. No. Carolina St.	4	3	1	19.29	80	52
18. Hampton Inst. (Va.)	4	3	1	18.92	87	40
19. Arkansas State	5	3	1	18.21	73	77
20. Prairie View (Tex.)	4	2	1	18.10	106	38

Which are the nation's ten leading football teams?

On the basis of schedule and performance against major opposition the answer to that question is Langston and Virginia State, J. C. Smith, Kentucky State, Florida and Bluefield, Lincoln (Pa.) and Prairie View, Morris Brown and A. and T. in that order.

Virginia State's record is obtained by awarding her 22.5 points for the Bluefield tie and 30 points apiece for first division wins over J. C. Smith, A. and T., Hampton, and Virginia Union. The total is 142.5, which, divided by five gives 28.50 points.

Langston's average amounts to exactly the same thing by awarding her 22.5 points for the Prairie View tie and 30 points apiece for first division wins over Arkansas State, Bishop, Xavier and Morehouse.

J. C. Smith's record is based on 15 points each for first division defeats by Virginia State and Bluefield, along with 30 points apiece for first division wins over A. and T., Tennessee State and North Carolina college. That is, divide 120 by five to get 24.00.

Kentucky State gets 15 points for the Wilberforce loss, 30 apiece for wins over West Virginia and Wiley and 20 apiece for victories over Lincoln (Mo.) and Texas. In other words, 115 divided by five for a 23.00 average.

Florida and Bluefield have identical averages. Florida's 30 points for losses to Alabama and Lane, 22.5 points for a tie with A. and T., and 30 points apiece for first division wins over Morris Brown and Xavier total 112.5 points which, divided by five, amounts to a 22.50 average. Bluefield's record is the same because her 15 points for losing to N. C. college, 22.5 points apiece for ties with Virginia State, Lincoln (Pa.) and Morgan, and 30 points for beating Hampton amount to 112.5 points, exactly the same total amassed by Florida's "Men in Orange."

Lincoln (Pa.) and Prairie View are tied for fifth place nationally. Lincoln's 10 points for a loss to second division Howard (by forfeit) 15 points for losing to Hampton, 22.5 points for tying Bluefield, and 30 points each for beating Virginia Union and N. C. college total 107.5 points, which, divided by five, amounts to a 21.5 average.

Prairie View gets 10 points for losing to second division Texas, 15 points for being whipped by Wiley, 22.5 points for the tie with Langston, and 30 points apiece for first division wins over Arkansas State and Bishop. The total is 107.5 points for an average of 21.50.

Morris Brown and A. and T. are tied for sixth place nationally. The Purple Wolverines receive 15 points apiece for losing to first division Florida and Xaxier, 22.5 points each for first division ties against Morehouse and Alabama, and 30 points for the first division win over Lane. This performance aggregates 105 points for a 21.00 average.

A. and T. gets the same average as Morris Brown with 105 points that result from the 15 each she receives for first division losses to Virginia State and J. C. Smith, 22.5 points apiece for first division ties with Florida and Hampton, and 30 points for her first division win over Virginia Union.

An oddity is that Alabama, winner of the 1939 SIAC titles, does not rate in the Big Ten nationally. The Tuskegee upset November 30 is the cause of the amazing loss of prestige.

Alabama's record nationally must be based on 10 points for a sec-

ond division loss to Tuskegee, 15 points for losing to Tennessee State 22.5 points apiece for ties with Morris Brown and Lane, and 30 points for whipping Florida, or Xavier. This amounts to an even 100 points or an average of 20, which is a full point lower than the averages of the ninth and tenth clubs of the nation.

3rd Vote for Kenny

To the Contest Editor:

Out on the Pacific Coast where one hundred thousand spectators are commonplace, there played this year two great undefeated teams. Their goal, the honor of representing the west in the "still" greatest classic of all post-season games, the Rose Bowl.

Daily Worker 12-26-39

Acknowledged as one of the best football players in the country back in his sophomore year, Kenny Washington, backfield ace of U.S. L.A., was virtually a one-man team in his senior year.

Time and time again, throughout the year, he snatched victory from defeat by the prowess of his mighty frame.

New York

His ability to do any and everything on the gridiron and to the highest degree. His genius for coming through "in the clutch" when an emergency appeared. His quick thinking when the occasion arose for a surprise play. His loyalty to his team and team-mates, merit him the award of outstanding athlete of the year.

When 103,000 spectators stand up and cheer a person, who throughout the year gave his all, while laboring under the handicap, not of his own making, of having a darker hue than his fellow players, then it is time that that person be given an award befitting his endeavors. "All Hail" to Kenny Washington, the outstanding athlete of 1939.

JOSEPH DAVIDSON,
Cleveland, Ohio

Centennial Fete Spotlights Baseball as True American Game

But Jim-Crow Ban Lone Blotch On Otherwise Democratic Sport

By Roy Parker

The Yankees are back in town ready to perform for those sadists who enjoy massacres, but there was no particularly important news forthcoming from that source yesterday afternoon, so the fans sought refuge from scattered raindrops and talked over the Baseball Centennial celebration in Cooperstown and decided that it was really a wonderful thing. Daily Worker

Everybody who was anybody in baseball and as many of the current shining lights of the diamond were on hand to pay tribute to the man who gave the American people a great national pastime and to celebrate the sport's hundredth year of existence. 6-14-39

A few sour grape artists over in Hoboken yelled fake yesterday, but that failed to dim the glory of the Cooperstown shindig. Babe Ruth, the man who brought the game back into the public favor after the Black Sox scandal of 1919, and who went on to make big league baseball the biggest thing this side of the globe was on hand to put the finishing touch on a great show. Newspaper Day

Not many fans had a chance to see the old time greats of baseball perform, but they did get a chance to meet them off the field at Cooperstown.

Walter Johnson, owner of an immortal pitching arm, Tris Speaker, who is still the greatest defensive centerfielder in history, Larry Lajoie, George Sisler, Eddie Collins, old Grover Alexander, Connie Mack, the hardy old Philly Athletic manager, Honus Wagner, greatest shortstop in history, and Ty Cobb, who needs no introduction, joined with the Bambino in commemorating the game that is as much a part of the American people as their love of democracy.

And Abner Doubleday, who inadvertantly founded a game that is now played on every sort of field imaginable in every part of the United States, in Mexico, in Canada, in South America, in Cuba and the Orient, did a job to be proud of.

Reflecting on the tremendous progress the game has made, one can't miss thinking about the way it has taken over the American people. Almost every kid wants to be another Babe Ruth, and pesters his parents for suitable equipment for developing his baseball talent, until said parents have no recourse but to give in and hope he doesn't break any windows.

The one flaw in the American baseball set-up is the discrimination against Negro ball players by the major league magnates, but the campaign to banish Jim-Crow from the diamond, led by the Daily Worker and other newspapers, is making steady progress. Many great Negro stars may soon attain their deserved ranks in the big leagues.

Baseball has made good sportsmanship a watchword among American sports fans. Millions of people watch games, thousands play. Although sports writers and fans are still prone to step on a player when he hits the skids or performs off his usual standard once in a while, American baseball fans are the first to give him credit when he deserves it.

So Cooperstown exemplified a great American tradition Monday. And the Hoboken critics who claim the honors for that fair city across the Hudson River can do little more than join in the applause. Location is of little consequence in a case like this.

Louis-Farr May Meet In London Title Bout

Post 6-14-39

Mike Jacobs and Joe Gould Talk Over Plans For Championship Go in September; Braddock-Farr Fight in England Canceled

By the United Press.

Pompton Lakes, N. J., June 13.—Joe Louis and Tommy Farr in London for the world's heavyweight championship in September. That was the undercover talk at the Brown Bomber's training camp today, as he reached the half-way mark in his preparations for Tony Galento on June 28.

And a few open manifestations indicated the same Louis-to-London movement. They were:

1. Joe Gould, manager of Tommy Farr and Jim Braddock, spent most of his time at the camp in earnest huddles with Promoter Mike Jacobs and Co-Manager Julian Black of the Louis entourage.

2. After which, Gould announced that the proposed Braddock-Farr fight ni London in July has been canceled, and former Champion Braddock, instead, will referee the Solly Krieger-Al Hostak middleweight title scrap at Seattle on June 27.

3. Promoter Jacobs announced, "After my lease expires at the Hippodrome in August, I shall launch out as an international promoter. I shall stage fights in European capitals that can g-u-a-r-a-n-t-e-e enough money to my Twentieth Century Club and to my fighters to make it worth while."

4. Ray Carlen, manager of young Lou Nova, indicated that he would not accept a September title match with Louis, if Louis beats Galento on June 28, because "Nova and Louis will draw four times as much money next year."

(5) Henry Armstrong, world lightweight-welterweight champion, was at the Bomber's camp to receive two gold belts from Nat Fleischer, editor of Ring Magazine, and Hurricane Henry was busy answering questions of Louis and company regarding the swell treatment accorded Negro scrapers invading the British Isles.

At the outdoor ringside, under the maple trees, Gould seemed actually pleased that the once scheduled an dlater canceled Braddock-Farr fight would not take place. He was all smiles as he said to Black, "it will be the happiest moment of my life when I see your beaming countenance across sthat Londno ring—in tthe opposite corner." Gould added that Black should be smiling, too, because of that "'guarantee of $250,000, and at the option of a percentage slice of the gate."

Even Bomber Joe seemed interested in the British trend. In the dressing room, while donning his togs for the workout, he practiced a few limehouse idioms under the tutelage of Prof. Armstrong, recently returned from a London scrap. And everyone laughed right merrily at the heavyweight champion's absurd Cockney accent.

As if wishing to assure himself of this London trip, Louis tore through five rounds of boxing with more zip than ever had been noted in previous conditioning workouts. He belted and bloodied the two hefty, Galento-type spa martes — Mickey Hayes, of Milwaukee, and Joe Banovic, of Binghamton, N. Y.—sharpened his right hand on Jim Howell, of New York, for two sessions and tried to knock out George Nicholson, of Yonkers, N. Y., during their round. Negro Nicholson has been Joe's sparring partner ever since the Bomber knocked out Maxie Baer in 1935, but today was the first time he ever acted the savage against George.

Wesley Farrell, Brooks to Meet in Negro Ring Scrap

Wesley Farrell, crowd-pleasing negro lightweight, will meet Jimmy Brooks in the 10-round feature of the Friday night negro boxing program at the Coliseum arena. Brooks, like the unbeaten Young Politis, is a great favorite with local negro fight followers.

Brooks earned the Farrell bout by decisively trouncing Ringer the Kid last week.

On the supporting card Josh Willis meets Sammy Edwards and Gene O'Dell of Ohio tackles Herbert Williams in a pair of eight-rounders. Other prelims are in the making.

WOODRUFF TAKES PLANE FOR COAST

Reverses His Earlier Stand and Will Run in National Collegiate A. A. Meet

6-15-39

PITTSBURGH, June 14 (AP).—Abruptly changing his mind, Long John Woodruff, famous Negro runner of the University of Pittsburgh, took a plane for the West Coast tonight to compete in the N. C. A. A. championships at Los Angeles next Saturday.

Woodruff's action was an about-face from a statement made earlier today, when he received his diploma at Pitt, that he had turned down the National Collegiates definitely in favor of Princeton's invitation track meet the same day.

James Potts, assistant track coach at the University of Pittsburgh, said Woodruff seemed "pretty tickled" as he left for California.

"He wanted to run in the National Collegiates all the time," said Potts.

What Happend to Campaign for Negro Players in The Big Leagues?

6-18-39

WASHINGTON, June 15—(AP)—Whatever became of that nighty press boom for colored baseball players in the big leagues? Or is the question embarrassing to some of the higher-paid writers, sports and otherwise?

If memory plays no scurvy tricks, last year and the year before there was a militant campaign conducted by writers for powerful dailies. They magnified the defaults of mediocre players engaged by the leagues, not of course calling names—and then lauded the work of men like Satchell Paige and Josh Gibson.

But somewhere along the line, something happened. Perhaps a little judicious pressure was brought to bear in the right spots.

The doings of colored athletes, once given plenty of space in certain columns, now confine themselves to such persons as Joe Louis, John Woodruff, John Borican, John Henry Lewis, Henry Armstrong—little, if any, attention is paid other chaps unless they are attending some white college or similarly in the public eye.

Time was when the doings of rising youngsters were recorded—papers would send Negro writers to distant spots for special coverage of certain events, purely Negro by virtue of the competition.

Unfortunately, this condition has changed, and few opportunities are given writers, just as the death-knell has been sounded on the boom for Negro players in the big leagues.

Jimmy Powers, writer and sports editor for the powerful Daily News of New York, was one of the first to take up the cudgel for colored players. Heywood Broun lent his facile typewriter towards the cause—but now, these militants have had little to say in recent days, and there is no sound on their favorite topics of yesteryear.

Some time ago, a former sports writer, relased from the ties that bound him to certain types of writing, sent a letter to a fellow writer who had not been so fortunate. The gist of the letter was devoted to thanking the stars for his release from the hidebound rules of controlled journalism which made it impossible for the writer to speak his mind freely on matters relating to racial and religious issues and beliefs.

The recent agreement whereby the teams representing the Negro National league accepted a trophy donated by the New York Yankees' president in memory of the late owner of the team, Col. Jacob Ruppert, seems a sort of capitulation on the part of the Negro owners—who no doubt would lose considerable if their stars were taken over by a major league team.

That the leagues need the color and ability Negroes would bring is a foregone conclusion. Here in Washington ardent fans, many hailing from the South, decry daily the poor team representing this city. There are those who vow this is the worst team in the history of baseball in Washington.

Not until it was impossible to do otherwise did the manager pitch the man who stood the Yankees on their heads and who is his leading pitcher, the tall swarthey Venezuelan, Alexander Carasquel. Unwilling was the management to give another swarthy Cubanola, Roberto Estellela, a chance in the outfield—and when he did, Roberto promptly began slugging the ball all over the lot for home runs, triples, doubles and the usual quota of singles.

Who Won

June 5-5-39

▶ Boxer Henry Armstrong, world's welterweight and lightweight champion: a 15-round match in defense of his welterweight title; lambasting the challenger, Britain's Welterweight Champion Ernie Roderick, who had won 23 previous fights in a row; before 5,000 howling Britons, some of whom paid ten guineas (about $50) for their ringside seats; at Harringay Arena, London. For his performance, Champion Armstrong, undefeated in 46 fights, received £8,000 ($40,000), largest purse in British boxing history.

▶ The University of Southern California: the 63rd annual Intercollegiate A. A. A. A. track meet, for the ninth time in 13 attempts; making the teams of 29 rival colleges look like Sunday School picnickers; with a total of 71½ points, highest score in the history of the meet; at Randall's Island, N. Y. Brightest individual star, however, was Pitt's long-striding Negro Johnny Woodruff, who won both the quarter-mile and half-mile for the third year in a row, a feat no one had accomplished since 1884.

TIME, June 5, 1939

Alfred Holmes Ready To Play In Des Moines

6-20-39

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala.—Alfred Holmes, Tuskegee senior and Southern Intercollegiate golf champion for 1938-1939, has been entered in the National Collegiate Athletic Association Championships, scheduled for the Wakonda Country Club Course at Des Moines, Iowa, June 26 to July 1.

Tuskegee is again making athletic history by being the first school to enter big time intercollegiate golf.

SPORTS - 1939

'Photo-Finish' Shows Ellerbe Coast Winner

Woodruff Wins 880 Run At NCAA Meet For Third Year As Watson, Harris Place

LOS ANGELES. — Mozel Ellerbe, Tuskegee sprint star, thought to be victim of an upset in the NCAA 100 yard dash Saturday, was declared winner of the event after officials made a study of motion pictures of the race.

Dr. Willis O. Hunter said a study of the films showed that Ellerbe had crossed the tape ahead of Clyde Jeffery of Stanford who had been declared the winner.

The time of the disputed race was 9.8, with Jeffery being given credit for a hair-line upset over the champion. It was the "first" of the Stanford star's victories of the day, since he won the 220 a little later.

The readjustment of the situation keeps Ellerbe's record for the season clear, as he has won every race he has taken part in since the outdoor year began.

WOODRUFF WINS

As was expected Long John Woodruff of Pitt, who finally got here after much switching and swinging, closed his collegiate career by winning the 880 run for the third year in succession.

Woodruff did a nice 1:51.3 to best Curtis Giddings of NYU, who made his first long range entry in his college career. Incidently, Giddings has been called one of the most improved runners of the year and all season he has held his place in the front line.

Ed Smith of Wisconsin was second in the 120 high hurdles, the event being won by Fred Wolcott of Rice.

In the field events several colored athletes participated but none was able to get a first place.

Big Bill Watson, Big Ten champion, ran into a tartar in Emler Hackney, of Kansas State. Hackney set a new record in the meet of 55 feet 10 3-8 inches. Watson was second with 54 feet 6 1-2 inches, and Lilburn Williams of Xavier, third with a try of 53 feet 11 3-4 inches.

In the broad jump Watson was fourth in the event which was won by Atchison of Texas, who leaped 24 feet 9 1-2 inches to win. Watson's jump encompassed 24 feet 1-4 inch.

Big Bill was more fortunate in the discus, where he was second to Zagar of Stanford, who threw the discus 164 feet 1-2 inch. Watson hurled the plate 161 feet 9 3-4 inches. Third in the competition was Archie Harris of Indiana with a try of 160 feet 8 inches. Bill Faymonville of Notre Dame, who defeated the two colored lads at the Penn Relays, was fifth.

Arrington of Michigan State was in a four way tie for fourth place in the high jump, at 6 feet 4 inches. The winning leap was for 6 feet 6 inches by Wilson of Southern California. Also in the fourth place tie was Ed Burke of Marquette.

Motion Picture Film Results In Reversal

LOS ANGELES—(ANP)—After a week of controversy between officials of the Princeton invitation meet and the annual national collegiate track meet, Long John Woodruff of Pitt flew here Saturday to end his college career by winning the half mile race for the third year. His time was 1:51.3. Second in this event was Curtiss Giddings of New York U.

Mozelle Ellerbe also was a winner in the 100 yard dash at the NCAA meet, but it took a motion picture camera to give him the title. The finish was so close that judges awarded the race to Clyde Jeffrey of Stanford. Pictures caused a reversal in favor of the Tuskegee star. The time was 9.8 seconds.

WATSON GOOD

Capt. Bill Watson of Michigan, who took second in the shot put and discus and fourth in the broad jump, was tied with Fred Wilcott of Rice for individual honors with 20 points each. Watson tossed shot 54 feet 8 1-2 inches, but mer Hackney, Kansas State, broke the American record with a heave of 55 feet 10 3-8 inches. Bill threw the discus 161 feet 9 3-4 inches, slightly more than two feet back of the winning distance, and broad jumped 24 feet 1-4 inch, exactly nine inches behind the victory leap.

XAVIER STAR PLACES

Archie Harris of Indiana, who is expected to take up in Big 10 competition where Watson left off, was third in the discuss with 160 feet 8 inches but failed to place in the shot. Lilburn Williams of Xavier was third in the shot at 53 feet 11 3-4 inches.

Ed Smith of Wisconsin was second in the 120 yard high hurdles. W. A. Arrington of Michigan State and Ed Burke of Marquette were in a three way tie for fourth in the high jump at 6 feet 4 inches.

Good, Old-Fashioned Battle Looms When Louis Engages Two-Ton Tony

World Champion Agrees to Rough Tactics if Challenger Chooses to Fight That Way —Rivals in Impressive Drills

By The Associated Press.

POMPTON LAKES, N. J., June 20.—One of those good old gashouse district brawls is shaping up for the gallery when Joe Louis and Tony Galento collide in the Yankee Stadium a week from tomorrow night. There may not be much of it, but it will be good while it lasts.

The Galento camp has announced it will ask that Arthur Donovan, No. 1 New York referee, be named to officiate, and today the suggestion was approved, confirmed and heartily countersigned by the Brown Bomber himself.

This could mean but one thing—that Galento, who just loves to rough things up, and Louis, who can when he has to, are anticipating nothing less than a knockdown, drag-out affair in their fifteen-round bout for Louis's world heavyweight title.

Winked at Rough Tactics

When Galento fought Arturo Godoy some time back, all sorts of tactics not endorsed by the books—gouging, elbowing and butting—were brought into use. Donovan took the attitude that if the boys didn't mind, neither did he.

Louis, who does most of his talking with his fists, opened up long enough today to say, "Donovan suits me fine. If Galento wants to rough it, we'll rough it. Don't forget I was once an ice man, too."

Today Julian Black and John Roxborough, the champion's managers, sent a letter to the New York State Atheltic Commission suggesting that as a matter of precaution the commission have an inspector make an identifying mark on the back and palm of each fighter's bandaged hands before they enter the ring.

Would Protect Both Men

"This, in our minds, will prevent the bandages from being tampered with in any way, shape or form before the gloves are placed on the hands," They wrote.

Black and Roxborough feel it might not be a bad idea to protect both champion and challenger.

Louis, rapidly nearing peak form, stepped through a six-round drill today with Willie Snell, Joe Banovic, Jim Howell and George Nicholson.

A Strenuous Workout

SUMMIT, N. J., June 20 (AP).—Tony Galento went through one of his most strenuous workouts today preparing for next week's scrap with Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis. He boxed a half dozen rounds against three sparring partners and put a terrific amount of effort into it, but he also found time to put on his customary "clown" acts.

Tony featured his favorite attack, a left hook to the body followed by the same blow to the head and inflicted considerable damage upon his spar-mates. Then he did some plain and fancy shadow boxing, mostly for the benefit of the spectators.

Gene Tunney Calls Galento Only 1000-to-1 Shot Against Bomber; Ex-Champ Flayed By Joe Jacobs

daily World 6-22-39

Atlanta Ga

SUMMIT, N. J.—(SNS)— I see where Gene Tunney, always trying to be a good politician has straddled the fence again. This time Tunney is taking a blast at "Two - Ton" Tony Galento, who, Tunney claims, is no better than a thousand-to-one shot to beat Joe Louis!

Tunney is a nice guy to talk about anyone — he is a champion over one guy—Dempsey. When he beat Dempsey in Philaedlphia, he licked the shell of a good fighter. In Chicago, he didn't even do that, in my opinion. I remember when he was matched with Dempsey, everyone said the same thing would happen to him when Dempsey made a pass at him that they are now saying will take place when the "Brown Bomber" glares at Galento.

If Tunney thinks as he talks—that Galento is a thousand-to-one shot against Louis, I stand ready to bet him a thousand dollars at the price he quotes and will put up the money with oneone he designates.

I'll bet him another thousand dollars that he doesn't lay me the price

Tunney's puff of wind at Galento contains the startling revelation that Bob Pastor has a chance with Louis?!?!

How can Tunney say that Galento has NO chance with the same fighter that he says Pastor HAS a chance? Bob Pastor boxed Fred Fiducia last week in Newark, and Fiducia nearly knocked Pastor out in the first round. Pastor went on Fiducia, a man Galenta had knocked out in 2 rounds!

Pastor had his chance to move into the spot as No. 1 challenger when he fought Nathan Mann. He lost the opportunity when Mann won a decision over him.

Galento came along and knocked Mann out in 2 rounds! Facts—not idle talk.

Furthermore, never in boxing history that I can recall, did any heavyweight so easily "earn" a title shot as Tunney did! Galento had to win his chance the hard way. He knocked out fourteen straight opponents before the public forced the hance at the championship.

By HARRY MENDEL

Tunney, always trying to be the politician, even when he was in the ring, got his chance a the title through politics!

Let's look at the records: Never a pleasing fighter at best, Tunney was heaved out of a Philadelphia ring in his fight with Jack Renault: and through knocking out two men —Georges Carpentier and Tom Gibbons, both of whom were washed up fighters when Tunney met them—after having his ears pinned back by a light-heavyweight named Harry Greb, Tunney got the title shot.

Glossing over Pastor's lack of a punch in typical Tunneyesque style Tunney says that Pastor can acquire a punch just like he—Tunney did! Since when was Tunney a puncher???? Tunney never saw the day that he could punch one-tenth as hard as Galento!

Now — I may be pardoned for breaking a confidence, so to speak I promised Tunney that I would not say anything about it—he may deny this. I talked with Tunney five minutes before Tony and I hopped on a plane for California last April 21. He told me then—THAT GALENTO COULD WIN THE TITLE IF HE WOULD FIGHT A CERTAIN WAY. — THAT IS, GET ROUGH FROM THE FIRST BELL AND HE ASSURED ME THAT GALENTO HAD THE PUNCH TO KNOCKOUT LOUIS. SOMETHING I DIDN'T NEED A TUNNEY TO TELL ME!

NOW Tunney comes out to say that the only one who has a chance with Louis is Bob Pastor, because, Tunney says, he can "out-smart" Louis!

In conclusion, let me say this—NO FIGHTER on the cream puff punching order of Pastor or Tunney can lick Louis.

"Two-Ton" Tony Galento, who is rough and rugged and who fears no man living and who carries dynamite in both hands will be the man to knock out Joe Louis and win the title.

The date is—June 28.
Sincerely,
Joe Jacobs, Manager,
"Two-Ton" Tony Galento,
N. B. A. No. 1 challenger.

Fight Fans Would Jam Park To See Two 'Go'

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By 'MELANCHOLY" JONES

The Obie-Haynes, Ray-McCall double main go at Ponce De Leon Park Monday night, June 19, following postponement from Thursday night, June 15, was the most wholesome and truly appealing heavyweight boxing card ever staged at the ball park.

Atlanta Ga

The fight may not have been a bowling success financially (the promoters lost around $262), but in every other way it was easily the most successful attraction of its kind ever conducted at Ponce De Leon Park.

Even "in the red", Matchmaker Cleve Roby and Grandmaster John Wesley Dobbs whose five Prince Hall lodges of the Gate City jointly sponsored the promotion have been so encouraged by the general attitude and response of the white and colored boxing public to the June 19 show that they are seriously considering another big card the latter portion of July.

As plans stand up theoretically, the proposed July scrap would pit the sensational crowd-pleaser, Elmer Ray, against Leroy Haynes, the Philadelphia Howitzer, who won a great following in Atlanta the other night.

Haynes at one time enjoyed a lofty National Boxing Association rating, fighting his way well inside the First Ten with two knockouts over Primo Carnera, former world heavyweight champion, and other important foes. He was too much for Bob Olin, Buddy Knox, Jack Tornado, Ford Smith, Eddie Simms, Abie Feldman, Natie Brown, and a long list of other worthy rivals.

HAS WHIPPED OBIE

Elmer Ray has a nice record too, but his "name" opponents have been limited. He has several decisions over Opie Walker to offset a technical kayo he suffered at the hands of the Bearcat in Warren Arena last winter, along with victories over Alex McCall, and a flock of Florida and Cuban opponents. Ray has always put up great fights in Atlanta. He extended Light Heavyweight Champion John Henry Lewis (before his abdication to 12 rounds before bowing viaa kidney punch. The TKO he received from Obie was due to a badly slashed left eye which dripped blood so freely that boxing commissioners urged the scrap halted.

No daubting it. A Ray - Haynes scuffle will be the "goods".

ARMSTRONG CHOICE TO RETAIN CROWN

8-26-39

Fans Show Keen Interest in Return Bout With Ambers Tuesday at Stadium

New York N.Y.

BETTING REPORTED LIVELY

Jacobs Expects Gate to Top $100,000—Long Training Grind Will End Today

HOW FIGHTERS COMPARE

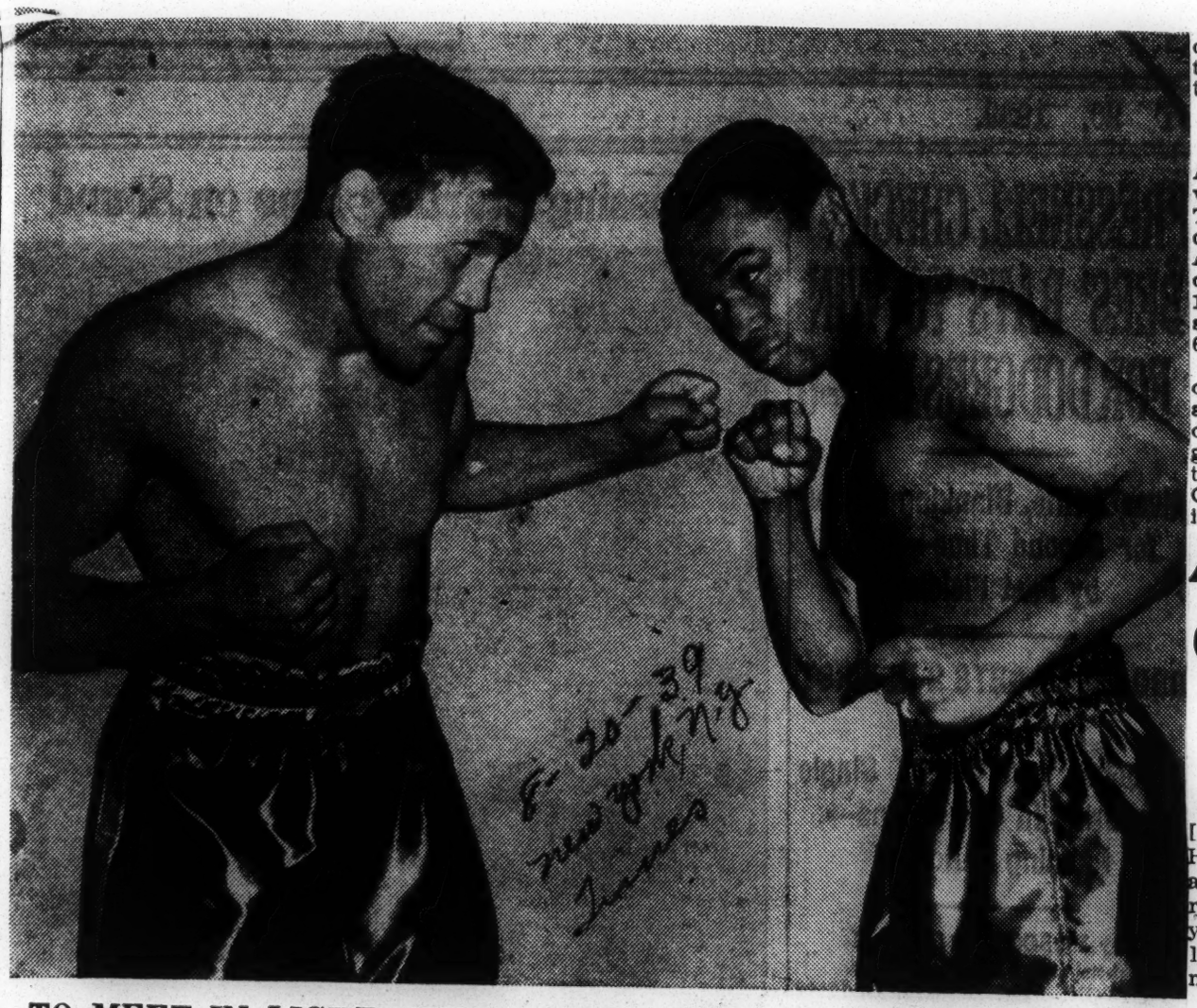
ARMSTRONG.		AMBERS
26 years	Age	25 years
135 pounds	Weight	135 pounds
5 ft. 5¼ in.	Height	5 ft. 6 in.
68 inches	Reach	70 inches
36 inches	Chest (normal)	37 inches
38¾ inches	Chest (expanded)	39½ inches
29 inches	Waist	29¾ inches
12½ inches	Biceps	13 inches
11½ inches	Forearm	12 inches
7 inches	Wrist	7 inches
19½ inches	Thigh	19¾ inches
12 inches	Calf	12 inches
9 inches	Ankle	9½ inches
15½ inches	Neck	15½ inches
9 inches	Fist	10 inches

By JAMES P. DAWSON

Tuesday night in the Yankee Stadium Henry Armstrong, Los Angeles Negro whose name will live in ring history as the fighter who held the world featherweight, lightweight and welterweight championships at the same time, is to meet Lou Ambers, the ring's hurricane from Herkimer, N. Y., in a fifteen-round bout.

They will fight for the lightweight crown Armstrong lifted from Ambers's brow a year ago. Following that meeting Armstrong surrendered his featherweight crown through inability to make the weight. Still in possession of two moderately prized ring titles, Armstrong finds himself something of a storm center, viewed from any angle.

He will face a fusillade of blows when he squares off against Ambers. And if the Coast Negro goes down to defeat there will probably ensue one of the most complicated arguments in the more or less involved history of the ring over whether Ambers automatically succeeds to two titles or must be satisfied with just one.



8-26-39 New York N.Y.

Times Wide World

TO MEET IN LIGHTWEIGHT TITLE BOUT AT YANKEE STADIUM

Lou Ambers, the challenger, and Henry Armstrong, the champion

The State Athletic Commission has recognized this situation and has acted accordingly. The followers of boxing are aware of it also, and are expected to react favorably, from the box-office standpoint. Promoter Mike Jacobs said yesterday he expects a crowd of about 30,000 to pay gross receipts in excess of $100,000 to view the match.

A Tradition of the Ring

In an attempt to circumvent a controversial situation in the wake of the bout the State Athletic Commission has compelled Armstrong and Ambers to sign contracts specifically stating that the lightweight title is the only one involved. This opens up a wide avenue of thought.

It has been the time-honored tradition of the ring that whenever a challenger is at weight, irrespective of the weight of the champion, the champion's title passes with defeat. It would seem natural that in the case of a double champion this tradition would hold, particularly when the challenger is at or under the lower class specified maximum.

If Ambers is at weight for the 135-pound lightweight class maximum he certainly will be under the 147-pound welterweight class limit, and there are veterans who insist, commission or no, that Ambers automatically succeeds to the welterweight title some time in November if Ambers wins Tuesday night, and providing further that Ambers is not to engage in a ring test in the mean time. This, at least, is calculated to discourage Ambers's capitalizing on a double championship if the opportunity presents itself.

All this controversy pleases Promoter Jacobs. Because of it and because of a guaranteed competitive appeal the battle holds, he expects a banner crowd Tuesday night and has priced his tickets to meet a mass demand. His ringside seats are selling at $16.50 each. Other reserved seat tickets sell for $11.50, $5.75, $3.50 and $2.50 each, all prices including tax.

The Twentieth Century Sporting Club executive has 20,000 admission tickets he intends to place on sale at 5 o'clock Tuesday night, when he plans to open the Stadium. These will be sold at $1.25 each and will admit purchasers to the upper stands. The regular bleachers will not be used.

The story of the bout will be broadcast over the blue network of the NBC. It will start not later than 10 P. M. The first bout on the card is scheduled for 8:30.

Plenty of Wagering

Betting on the fight is lively. Armstrong, favorite in their previous meeting, is the choice to win Tuesday night—but not by any such one-sided margin as obtained last August. Whereas the Negro double champion was quoted at 1 to 3 and 1 to 4 a year ago, for the coming scrap the odds favor Armstrong at 6 to 5 and 7 to 5.

The double champion and the ex-champion are in excellent condition after long weeks of training. Each comes to the end of the preparatory grind today, Armstrong at Pompton Lakes, N. J., and Ambers at Carmel, N. Y. Tomorrow they will indulge in only light exercise.

Armstrong to Quit This Year if All Is Well

Pompton Lakes, N. J., Aug. 18 [Special].—If all goes well with Henry Armstrong, world lightweight and welterweight champion, he will retire undefeated at the end of the year to write, play the piano, and collect rent from the bungalow apartments he owns in Los Angeles.

Stretched on a rubbing table in Dr Joseph Bier's gymnasium today, Armstrong revealed that he has paid $50,000 into a $100,000 annuity and that he expects to make another trip to Europe after he defends the lightweight title against Lou Ambers, Tuesday night in Yankee stadium.

"Hands Are Pretty Good."

"My hands are pretty good," the double champion commented as Harry Armstrong, his brother and trainer, applied a base of powder before wrapping soft gauze and tape around sponges that were intended to protect them during the daily workout.

Armstrong's weight no longer is a problem, for after yesterday's workout he scaled 134½, less than the lightweight limit, wearing beach clogs. Ambers, of course, remains to be accounted for, but Armstrong, expressing confidence, declared: "I don't think he will be as tough as he was the last time."

Mussolini's Son Promotes Card.

Following the fight, Armstrong will be starred in a two reel movie that will be made in seven days, and then go to Italy to fight Aldo Spoldi on a card Mussolini's son, Bruno, will promote late next month in Rome.

If he beats Ambers, thus eliminating necessity of boxing him again on Nov. 1 in Madison Square Garden, Pedro Montanez, the Porto Rican, will be given an opportunity to win the welterweight title on that date.

NO HOLDS BARRED

Armstrong One of Long Line Of Great Negro Fighters

Just as Henry Armstrong, now training at Pompton Lakes for his lightweight title defense against Lou Ambers at the Stadium Tuesday night, and heavy champ Joe Louis dominate the picture in the fight game today, Negro boxers have been ring standouts down through the years.

The story of the Negro people in the ring goes all the day back to the early nineteenth century when Black Bill Richmond and Tom Molyneaux, both born in slavery, were taking on the best English competition.

For a long time, Negro fighters had difficulty getting fights in this country, but they were constantly at or near the top. Peter Jackson, one of the great heavyweights of all time, was denied a shot at John L. Sullivan by the wonder champ's handlers. Although John L. was willing to take on all comers, his manager, William Muldoon, thought that Jackson had too much savvy for Sullivan.

Just to get them all in, here's a stab at an All-time All-Negro team:

HEAVYWEIGHT—Joe Louis.

LIGHT-HEAVY—Sam Langford.

MIDDLEWEIGHT—Tiger Flowers.

WELTERWEIGHT—Joe Walcott.

LIGHTWEIGHT—Joe Gans.

FEATHERWEIGHT—Henry Armstrong.

BANTAMWEIGHT — George Dixon.

Langford never held a title and fought heavies as often as he did light-heavies but many boxing men consider him the greatest fighter, pound for pound, of all time. Although it may seem a bit haywire to name light and welterweight champ Armstrong as the classiest feather of all time, it was in that division that Henry first became famous. Of course Henry will be remembered most for his supremacy in all three divisions.

There are plenty of standouts, world champs, omitted by this one-best selection. They include: the brilliant boxing Jack Johnson, light-heavy champ Battling Siki, Jack Blackburn, clever ring-master who now trains Louis, bantam champ Panama Al Brown, feather champ Kid Chocolate, welter champ Dixie Kid and light-heavy champ John Henry Lewis.

And there are many comers among the younger fighters—such as Chalky Wright, Ossie Stewart, Holman Williams and Bernie Miller—who are carrying on the traditions of the great Negro fighters of today and yesterday.—**STAN KURMAN.**

LOU AMBERS GAINS LIGHTWEIGHT TITLE

Outpoints Henry Armstrong In 15-Round Bout

YANKEE STADIUM, New York, Aug. 22.—(AP)—Lou Ambers of Herkimer, N. Y., regained the world lightweight championship tonight by outpointing Henry Armstrong of Los Angeles in a wild slugging battle in which Armstrong was penalized five rounds by Referee Arthur Donovan for low punching.

Ambers weighed 133½; Armstrong 135.

As the clock on the big center field scoreboard moved along toward the time for the main event, scheduled for 9 p.m. (E. S. T.) odds still favored Armstrong at 7 and 8 to 5.

Some 25,000 fans wer on hand by the time the first preliminary got under way, and still a stream of the faithful continued to march into the cheaper seats. The reserved sections in mezzanine and lower grandstand and the ringside areas in the infield were comfortably filled. The sky had become somewhat clouded, but the weather continued mild and held no threat of rain.

Steve Padon, 140, of New York's West Side, and Angelo Lato, 145, of Brooklyn, went to a draw in the dull four-rounder which opened the show.

In the second four-rounder, Bernie Miller, 136-pound New York negro, floored Pete Mascia, 141, Brooklyn, twice and went on to an easy decision win.

Ambers Nervous, Armstrong Cool Under Examination of Officials

Challenger Just Naturally That Way, Says Physician, but Champion Amazes Him—Henry Weighs 135, Rival 134½

The weighing of Henry Armstrong and Lou Ambers yesterday noon at the offices of the State Athletic Commission was attended by two incidents not on the schedule.

While a crowd of several hundred gathered outside to greet the fighters, the proceedings inside were interrupted by the appearance of a process server, bearing a brief case loaded with legal-looking documents. He approached Armstrong with papers in a judgment for $2,752.35. He was acting for one Ellis Jones of St. Louis, assignee of one Tillie Finder.

Eddie Walker, associate of Eddie Mead in the management of Armstrong, entered the scene and for a time the situation had the appearance of an impromptu session of fisticuffs. In the end, however, Manager Mead accepted service.

Then, after the weighing and while Chairman John J. Phelan of the commission was instructing the fighters in ring ethics and rules, Commissioner Bill Brown raised a point of order, or something, having to do with the delicate art of holding and hitting.

Business of Holding

Commissioner Brown wanted it thoroughly explained that the "holdee" would be at liberty to visit assault and battery upon the "holder" just as long as the "holdee's" arm or arms were free for action. Chairman Phelan, however, ended this incident by declaring the referee would be empowered to handle such situations, when, as and if they appeared.

The examination was all in favor of Armstrong. Dr. William H. Walker, commission physician, who looked over both fighters, said:

"I don't see how this fellow Armstrong keeps so cool in this kind of weather. He's just about the coolest proposition I ever saw. Ambers, on the other hand, is highly nervous, but not to the extent to cause alarm. He is normally a nervous individual; he comes to these weighings in a state of high tension. Both fighters are in good shape. There's not a defect in either of them."

Armstrong, it was reported, spent part of the morning in an electric cabinet in order to make the weight without weakening himself. He tipped the scales at exactly 135 pounds. Ambers weighed 134½.

Report on the Pulses

The physical examination showed Armstrong's pulse at 68 before exercise and 75 after, with his blood pressure 120 over 70. Ambers's pulse was 75 and 84 and his blood pressure was 130 over 80.

The fighters greeted each other amiably enough. "I heard you on the radio the other night and you're a swell singer," said Armstrong to Ambers. Lou's reply, smothered somewhat in the hubbub, was a compliment to Henry's poetical effusions.

Chairman Phelan, in his discussion of the rules, reminded the boxers that low punches, holding and hitting, back-hand punching and flicking with the open glove, were all fouls subjecting the offender to penalties. He emphasized the rule requiring a fighter to go to the farthest neutral corner after scoring a knockdown, stressed the desirability of a fair battle, and sent the fighters on their way with his best wishes.

After the weighing, Mead renewed his contract with the commission as manager of Armstrong, and was duly licensed as such.

5 ROUNDS TAKEN FROM 'BOMBER' ON LOW BLOWS

Ambers 1st Lightweight To Regain Crown; Rematch Slated.

By SID FEDER.

YANKEE STADIUM, NEW YORK, Aug. 22.—(AP)—The world lightweight championship passed back to swing-shooting Lou Ambers tonight, but only because little perpetual motion Henry Armstrong was penalized five rounds by Referee Arthur Donovan for low punching.

If it hadn't been for those five heats, which provoked a howl of outraged protest from Armstrong's corner, Hammerin' Henry would have won—and retained the title—in a waltz.

The little negro, who skyrocketed out of St. Louis, by way of Los Angeles, three years ago to win the lightweight, welterweight and featherweight championships, and hold them simultaneously, forced the fighting all the way. He never stopped coming forward, despite the storm of left uppercuts and hooks showered on him by the Herkimer hurricane from upstate New York.

NOTHING SETTLED.

All in all, therefore, there was nothing conclusive about the fight, except that everything is all set now for a third meeting between the pair. They tangled the first time a year ago, and the Hammer dethroned the square-jawed little Italian.

Lou, by tonight's victory, became the first fighter in ring history to win back the 135-pound crown.

Tonight's battle, for which Henry scaled 135 and Lou 134 1-2, was regarded in advance as the fistic "natural" of the year, and it was, when Donovan wasn't warning Hurricane Hank for tossing punches below the belt line.

CONTRACTS SIGNED.

Contracts for the third fight already have been signed. This one puts Henry's welterweight title on the line some time this fall, and was contingent on Ambers' winning tonight. Thus, by Lou's taking the victory and the title tonight, another good-sized gate and turnout is virtually assured. A crowd of 29,088 was in this big ball yard tonight in cool weather and contributed to a gross gate of $137,925.77. The net was $116,396.85.

Although Referee Donovan and one of the judges, Frankie Fullam, who is ordinarily a referee, were agreed in their voting, with seven heats for Armstrong and eight for Ambers, the other judge, Jack Healey, gave Lou a lop-sided margin of 11 rounds to three, with one even.

The Associated Press score card had nine rounds for the new champion, and six for Henry, but five of these were taken away by fouls, in only one of which Ambers showed a clear margin, regardless of the low punching.

AMBERS "HOUSE."

The crowd, obviously an Ambers "house" anyway, judging by its tremendous reception for Lou, was pleased with the decision. But there was a sharp divergence of ringside opinion among the boxing writers. A few believed Armstrong won the fight, despite the penalties, but most were of the opinion the rounds he lost cost Henry the title.

Certain it was that Armstrong wasn't far off in any case. He started slowly, but by the time the third and fourth heats came along he was in high gear and really on the move. The rest of the way he pushed Ambers back as he charged, charged and charged some more.

The penalizing by Donovan caused a long heated argument, between Armstrong's contingent roared in protest. Finally Weill shouted across the ring, "You'd better watch out if you keep that up."

SHARP PROTESTS.

In the dressing rooms afterward, the Ambers crowd thought it was no more than fair that Henry should have been penalized, but the two managers (Armstrong) and Eddie Mead (Armstrong). Finally Weill shouted across the ring, "You'd better watch out if you keep that up." Mead shouted. "Armstrong was penalized for every low tap, but Ambers was elbowing and

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Borican Easily Retains National A. A. U.

THREE EVENTS WON BY SHORE A. C. STAF

Jimes

Borican, Fifth and Seventh i Other Tests, Keeps Crown With 2,947 Points

10-30-39

GILLIGAN, 2,721, IS SECOND

Newspaper

Seton Hall Prep Entries Gain the Next Five Places in Pentathlon Competition

By FRANK ELKINS

John Borican, sturdy Negro athlete from the Shore A. C., of Elberon, N. J., retained the national A. A. U. pentathlon championship in the seventeenth annual competition held at the Travers Island grounds of the New York A. C. at Pelham yesterday.

A graduate student at Columbia University, where he is studying art, Borican successfully defended his laurels by a wide margin. Ten track and field performers took part in the competition. Borican accumulated 2,947 points, the result of three first places, a fifth and a seventh.

The runner-up was the bespectacled Boston College track captain, William Gilligan, who had 2,721.

The following five posts went to representatives of Seton Hall Prep of South Orange: Ed Styrna, James Gibbons, James O'Hearn, Ron Mead and Paul Plummer, in that order.

Burton's Placing Surprise

The biggest surprise was the failure of the 6-foot 6-inch Winged Foot star, William Burton, former St. Anselm football player, to place better than next to last. He was runner-up to Borican in last year's competition, when the New Jersey ace set a new American record score of 3,304. A disqualification in the 200-meter dash for running out of his lane proved disastrous to Burton.

Performances in general were not up to those registered at last year's meet in Jersey City chiefly because of the slowness of the track and a brisk wind.

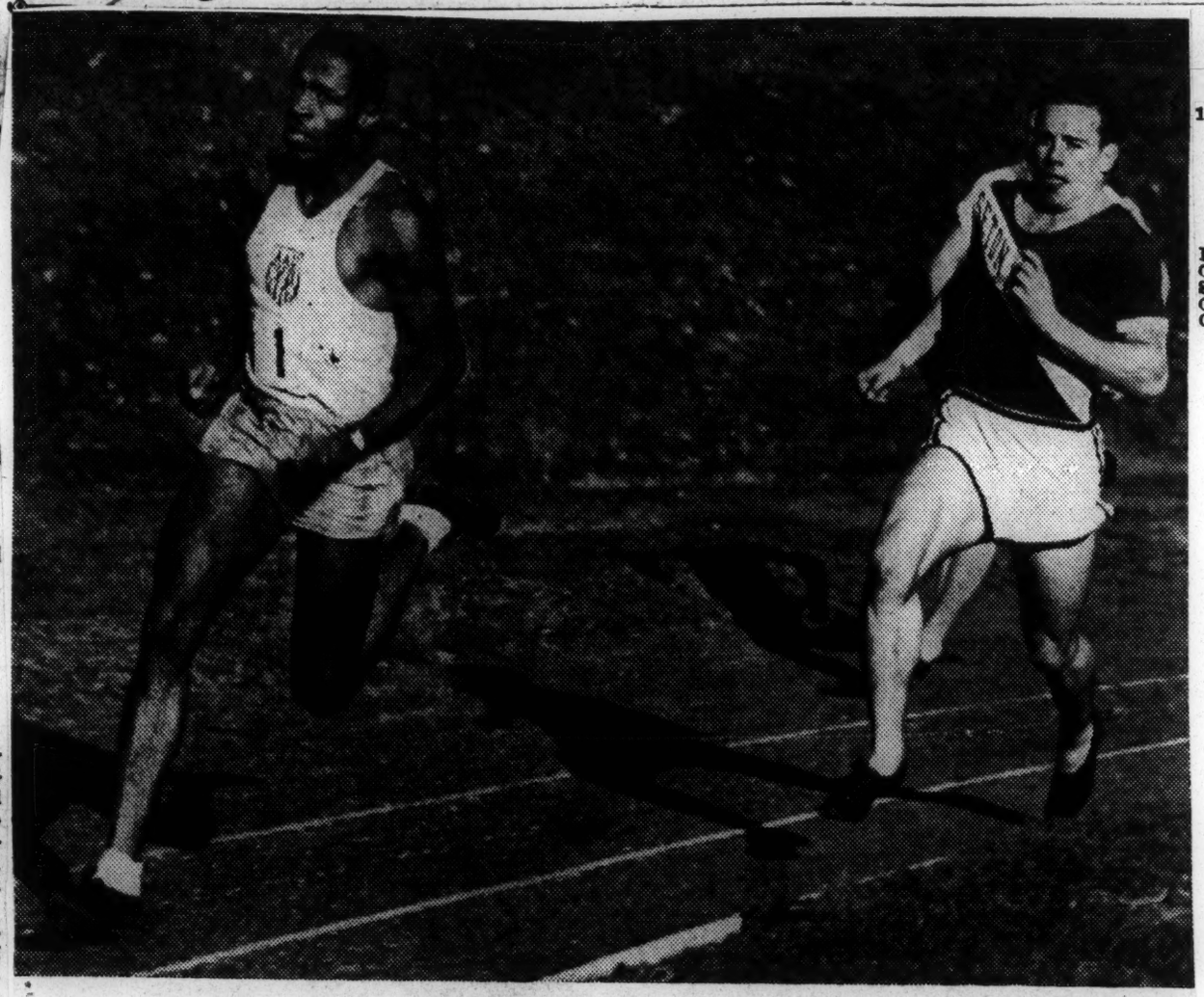
While Borican was conceded the championship almost from the start there was considerable speculation as to how the other positions would be filled. Gilligan was not thought to be in the running after the first three events, but his comeback with a triumph in the discus, won last year by Burton, and third place in the 1,500 meters sent him into the runner-up berth.

The champion came through with victories in the same three events he won last year, the broad jump with 22 feet 2¼ inches; the 200 meters in 0:23.1 and the 1,500 meters in 4:29. He was runner-up in the two remaining contests in 1938, but this time he could do no better than fifth in the javelin, which Burton won again, and seventh in the discus.

Set Four World Marks

Competing indoors for the first time last season, Borican set four world records in addition to winning the national 1,000-meter title. He created standards at 880 yards, 800 meters, 1,160 yards, or two-thirds of a mile, and at 1,000 yards. The last is unofficial.

One of the most interested rooters present was the 11-year-old blind youngster, Billy Richards of Pelham, a student at the New York Institute for the Blind. Before the meet began Billy, guided by his dad, "tested" the track and predicted that times would be slow for the day. He was right. He quoted the accepted American and world records for all the events, prompting Dan Ferris, secretary-treasurer of the A. A. U., to remark, "That boy knows his sport."



NEAR FINISH OF 200-METER DASH IN NATIONAL PENTATHLON

John Borican leading Ron Mead and William Gilligan at Travers Island yesterday

THE SUMMARIES

Broad Jump—Won by John Borican, Shore A. C. (22 feet 2¼ inches); James Gibbons Seton Hall Prep (21 feet 10⅞ inches), second; Paul Plummer, Seton Hall Prep (20 feet 6¼ inches), third; Ed Styrna, Seton Hall Prep (19 feet 10¾ inches), fourth; Don Button, unattached (19 feet 5¾ inches), fifth; James O'Hearn, Seton Hall Prep (19 feet 4¼ inches), sixth; William Burton, N. Y. A. C. (17 feet 8 inches), seventh; William Gilligan, Boston College (17 feet 8 inches), eighth; Ron Mead, Seton Hall Prep (17 feet 4 inches), ninth; Steve Cronin, unattached (16 feet 2¼ inches), tenth.

Javelin Throw—Won by Burton (177 feet 10¾ inches); Styrna (168 feet 6 inches), second; Gilligan (146 feet 3¾ inches), third; Mead (137 feet, 11¾ inches), fourth; Borican (136 feet 9 inches), fifth; Gibbons (133 feet 11 inches), sixth; O'Hearn (130 feet 7½ inches), seventh; Plummer (112 feet 7 inches), eighth; Cronin (110 feet 5½ inches), ninth; Button (106 feet 5¼ inches), tenth.

200-Meter Dash—Won by Borican (0:23.1); Mead (0:23.3), second; O'Hearn (0:23.9), third; Plummer (0:24), fourth; Gibbons 0:24.1), fifth; Gilligan (0:24.5), sixth; Button (0:25.2), seventh; Styrna (0:25.4), and Cronin (0:25.4), tied for eighth; Burton, disqualified.

Discus Throw—Won by Gilligan (129 feet 11½ inches); Burton (128 feet 5 inches), second; Styrna (126 feet 1 inch), third; Button (103 feet 4½ inches), fourth; Gibbons (100 feet 7 inches), fifth; O'Hearn 92 feet 6½ inches), sixth; Borican (91 feet 10½ inches), seventh; Plummer (87 feet 4½ inches), eighth; Mead, (85 feet 10¾ inches), ninth; Cronin (76 feet 1½ inch), tenth.

1,500-Meter Run—Won by Borican (4:29); Cronin (4:41.8), second; Gilligan (4:48), third; O'Hearn (4:50.1), fourth; Gibbons 4:58.2), fifth; Mead (5:07.8), sixth; Plummer (5:14), seventh; Burton (5:21.2), eighth; Styrna (5:25), ninth; Button (5:31), tenth.

POINT SCORES

Borican	2,947	Mead	2,285
Gilligan	2,721	Plummer	2,283
Styrna	2,655	Button	2,113
Gibbons	2,602	Burton	2,082
O'Hearn	2,474	Cronin	1,975

Turn About Fair Play:

White Youth Star of Lincoln Univ. Line

Oves Rated Best Center Oxford, Pa. School Ever Had

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(ANP)—Sports writers, the man has bitten the dog! All of the glowing accounts concerning Negroes playing on white teams throughout the country are completely overshadowed by the very fine playing of one R. Oves, a white lad from Philadelphia, who is rated by those who have seen him in action as the best center Lincoln ever had!

Weighing 185 pounds and a natural player, Oves is one of the stalwarts of the Rivero coached outfit, and because of his presence in the line, Lincoln is destined for better football fortunes than has been her fate in the past few years.

Oves came to Lincoln from nearby Oxford. Having lived in South Philadelphia among Negroes most of his life, he was graduated from Central High School of that city. His family then moved over to Oxford and Oves was ticketed for Bucknell College. Something went amiss and a member of the state legislature, a Mr. Molcombe, who lives in Oxford, suggested that Oves go to Lincoln.

Manny Rivero, coach, hearing of the situation paid a visit to the Oves family. The lad's father, impressed with the straightforward Rivero, agreed for his son to attend the Negro college with the statement:

"My son attending Lincoln is no different from yours going to Columbia."

As a result, Oves went over to the Negro college and promptly went out for football. His excellence in the position has made the Lincoln line and given Rivero cause for rejoicing. Oves is popular with his team mates and gets along well with the other students in his class.

And so in football, the man bit the dog and made news. While other Negroes are starring in the better known white schools, a white boy, good enough to make any college team, is going to a Negro college and crashing the varsity to make the headlines of Negro newspapers.

HARRY THOMAS EXPOSE MAY HALT LOUIS, GALENTO BOUT NEXT YEAR

CHICAGO — Next summer's pending heavyweight title fight between Champion Joe Louis and Two-Ton Tony Galento, the man he knocked out in four rounds last June, may never come off if the boxing authorities take seriously charges made by Harry Thomas that he was paid to "lay down" to Max Schmeling and Galento in 1937 and 1938.

A complete expose of these two bouts is contained in a copyrighted story appearing in the Monday editions of the Chicago Tribune, written by Arch Ward, sports editor, following a lengthy investigation. Thomas has signed an affidavit setting forth at length the circumstances surrounding his "dives" to the two challengers.

Needed Money

Thomas, a heavyweight from Eagle Bend, Minn., says he agreed to the fake fights because he needed money and had not been able to make any in the ring.

He declares his manager, Nate Lewis, and the manager of both Schmeling and Galento, Joe Jacobs, the man who charged Louis used a "gimmick" in his one-round conquest of the German, not only agreed to the crooked bouts but signed contracts to that effect witnessed by a notary public.

On the record books, Thomas lost to Schmeling on an eight-round technical knockout at Madison Square Garden, New York, December 13, 1937, and lost to Galento on a three-round technical knockout at Philadelphia on November 14, 1938. But these were fake fights, designed to build up both victors as logical contenders for Joe's title, says the Minnesotan.

Deny Charges

Both Jacobs and Lewis denied any knowledge of the fix, with Jacobs even denying he came to Chicago at the time Thomas said the contracts were signed in Jacobs presence.

Mike Jacobs, the promoter, who is no relation to Joe Jacobs, says he knows nothing of the fake and if the boxers cannot disprove the charges, they will never work for him again. This means that unless Galento can offer proof that the Thomas bout was on the level, the Louis match is off, for Promoter Jacobs controls all of the champion's fights.

Jacobs on Spot

Joe Jacobs has had a checkered career as a fight manager. He worked Schmeling into the championship by his claims of "foul" in the first Jack Sharkey fight, and when the latter won the title by outpointing the German in their return bout, Jacobs won a sort of fame by shouting "we was robbed." It was only by a special concession that the New York Boxing Commission allowed him in Galento's corner at the Louis fight.

Nate Lewis is best remembered from the Thomas-Louis fight. In the third round, Joe hit Harry so hard the latter turned his back and danced around the ring.

Lewis immediately grabbed his stool and climbed between the ropes to save his fighter, an illegal act which should have led to Thomas's disqualification. However, the bout was allowed to continue and the Brown Bomber won in the fight.

Tuskegee Coach Wins Praise In Special Article

In a special article sent to the Sioux City (South Dakota Journal) by one of its correspondents, Cleve L. Abbott, Director of Physical Education and head football coach at Tuskegee Institute for the past sixteen years, is praised for his work in college athletics. Because we feel that the article should have wider circulation and would at the same time be read with interest by Coach Abbott's many friends we take the liberty of reproducing the story in its entirety:

BROOKINGS, S. D.—(Special)—A former State College athlete, Cleve Abbott, has gained prominence because of the record he has established as coach of the outstanding Negro college in the United States, Tuskegee Institute at Tuskegee, Alabama.

As the most successful of Southern Intercollegiate conference coaches Abbott has turned out 10 circuit winners and four national Negro championship football teams since 1923.

Two years ago he produced one of the sensations of the track and field season in Ellerbe, Tuskegee sprinter, who captured honors at the Drake Relays and other national meets. Abbott entered State College in 1912, coming from high school at Watertown, S. D. He played football in his freshman year and competed in every grid contest in the following three years. He starred in basketball for four years and was elected Captain during his senior year in 1916. The Negro ace was also a member of the Jackrabbit track team during his entire college career and lettered on the baseball team—to fulfill one of the most active sports careers of any State College athlete—past or present.

Atlanta, Ga. Journal
November 23, 1939

MORRIS BROWN BATTLES CLARK

The annual football game between Morris Brown College and Clark University was to begin at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon at Ponce de Leon Park, with prospects of the largest attendance on record for the classic between two of the best colored teams in the country.

Curley Barber, Clark University's formidable backfield threat, whose passing and ball-carrying have been a potent factor in the preceding games, is out of this battle with injuries, but another elusive halfback named Simpson and entitled "Prince Charming" by his many admirers, will afford Morris Brown an opportunity to display its well-rated defensive talents.

MORRIS B. C.		CLARK U.
LeR. Rooker (c.)	L.E.	Van Lier
Mule Settles	L.T.	John White (c.)
Willis Griffin	L.G.	Lacey
Clarence Brown	C.	Harper
Clif. Brown (c.)	R.G.	Roach
Wysinger	R.T.	Melvin Lee
Gerald Brown	R.E.	Levi Mann
Louis English	Q.B.	Baker
Jenkins	L.H.	Earnest White
Mitchell	R.H.	Kara Coates
Mody	F.B.	Power, Hudson

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FOUR OF THE AMERICANS WHO COMPETED IN LONDON MEET

Times Wide World

Roy Cochran, who won the 440-yard hurdles and broke the British record, and Joe Batiste, second in the 120-yard high hurdles. They are shown in the White City Stadium soon after their arrival.

Times 8-8-39

Times Wide World

Clyde Jeffrey, who took the 100 and 220 yard sprints, and Blaine Rideout, fourth in the mile, which was captured by Denis Pell.

WATSON LEADS U.S. IN DECISIVE VICTORY

He Gets 13 and Jeffrey 10 of Team's 54 Points—Britain Is Next With 41

Times —

LONDONERS JEER RIDEOUT

8-8-39

Texan Fourth in Mile, Won by Pell—Maki, Finn, Impresses

Three Records Broken

N.Y. Times 8-8-39

THE POINT SCORE

Points figured on 5—4—3—2—1 basis.

United States	54	Netherlands	7
Great Britain	41	Poland	6
Germany	25	Greece	5
Italy	16	Luxembourg	4
Sweden	15	Belgium	3
Estonia	12	France	3
Finland	9	Trinidad	1
Hungary	7	Norway	1

By The Associated Press.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—America's hand-picked athletes followed the herculean figure of Bill Watson and the flying feet of Clyde Jeffrey today to a notable triumph over the track and field forces of fifteen other nations in an "Olympic preview" at the White City Stadium.

About 60,000 fans defied the raw weather and rain to see the international meet and they were well rewarded as the Americans piled up 54 points, 13 by Watson and 10 by Jeffrey, to 41 for Great Britain, which was second. Three British records were shattered and two equaled.

The lone jarring note was the loud and raucous jeering of Blaine Rideout when the American swung wide to pass two other runners at the start of the last lap of the mile. It was evident from the stand that Blaine had been forced wide but, probably because he was considered the cause of Sydney Wooderson's downfall at Princeton in June, he was booed just the same.

Mile Won in 4:15.2

Whatever the reason, the incident has little bearing on the result of the race. Denis Pell, who has been shadowing Wooderson all season, went out like a deer on the backstretch and won comfortably in 4:15.2. Janusz Stanisewski of Poland was second and Rideout fourth.

This victory for Britain plus B. F. McCabe's third and C. Cox's fifth temporarily put the Britons in the lead. But George Varoff captured the pole vault with a disappointing leap of 13 feet 6 inches. Next Watson, who had taken third in the discus, broke the British shot-put record with a heave of 52 feet 8 inches, then walked over to the broad jump pit and leaped 24 feet 6 inches for his second victory. That was the ball game.

The Americans started as if the meet was being run for their benefit. Charlie Beetham, former Ohio State star, won the half-mile, just striding, in 1:52.3. Then Jeffrey started his sprint double by winning the 100-yard dash in the creditable time of 9.8 seconds over a soggy track.

Cochran Breaks Mark

Roy Cochran, Indiana youth, apparently unawed by a field that included J. Bostmans of Belgium and Fritz Hoelling of Germany, won the 440-yard hurdles in 0:52.7, a new British record and only one-tenth of a second off the international mark. He jumped into the lead at the second hurdle, increased his advantage on the backstretch and breezed home three yards in front of Hoelling.

Jeffrey followed with the 220, which was notable only for the ease with which he won. His time of 0:21.8 was six-tenths of a second off the British record, but he still was two yards in front of Britain's A. W. Sweeney, who also was second in the century.

The third British record went to Taisto Maki, latest in the line of great Finnish distance runners. He won the three-mile race in 13:59.4 and left no doubt he is the strongest possible contender for next year's Olympic distance titles at Helsingfors.

Schwartzkopf Is Last

Never troubled, never for an instant slackening his stride, Maki ran a brilliant field right into the ground, and when tiny Alexis Csaplar of Hungary challenged him, the Finn did an astounding thing. He broke into a sprint and came down the home stretch like a dash man finishing the 220. Ray Schwartzkopf, United States representative from Michigan, was last from the start and plodded home a good 220 yards behind the Finn.

United States entrants failed only twice in events in which much was expected of them. Joe Batiste, Tucson, Ariz., Negro schoolboy, missed victory in the high hurdles by inches but Ernest Lidman of Sweden had to tie the British record of 0:14.4 to beat him.

Even more surprising was the defeat of Erwin Miller of Los Angeles in the 440. He started brilliantly, but on the backstretch Mario Lanzi flashed past him and went on to win in the record-equaling time of 20:48.6. Alan Pennington and A. G. K. Brown, Britain's great quarter-milers, were second and third, respectively, as Miller dropped back to fourth.

Steers Takes High Jump

Batiste partially made up his defeat by placing third in the high jump, which Les Steers of San Francisco won at 6 feet 6 inches.

Rideout was puzzled by the barracking of the British fans. "I was just thrown wide when I tried to pass," the Texan said. "I heard them booing but I can't figure out why. When I got on the last lap I tightened up, something that never happened to me before. However, Pell ran a fine race and I don't want to take anything from him."

First Magnate Adds Voice to Managers, Players

Benswanger, in Answer to 'Daily' Says, 'I Would Be Heartily in favor of It'—Long Campaign Coming to Head

By Lester Rodney

The first big league magnate has spoken out in favor of admitting Negro baseball players to the game!

The President of the Pittsburgh Pirates of the National League, William E. Benswanger, in response to a query from the Daily Worker, says:

"If the question of admitting colored baseball players into organized baseball becomes an issue I would be heartily in favor of it.

"I think the Negro people should have an opportunity in baseball just as they have an opportunity in music or anything else."

This simple statement by a big league owner, the first of its kind, follows the rapidly mounting flood tide of similar statements by big league managers and players themselves, a tide which threatens to rip away the last flimsy excuses for continuing the shameful discrimination against Negro players in our National Pastime.

Already Managers Bill McKechnie, Leo Durocher and Doc Prothro of the National League have named Negro players with the ability to star in the big leagues, and have said bluntly that they would be glad to sign some of them if given permission by the magnates.

In the American League, Managers Haney and Baker have vouched for the fact that there are many Negro stars qualified for big league play, and that the situation is entirely up to the owners.

Players too numerous to mention have expressed their admiration for the Negro players. Most of the big leaguers have played with Negro stars in after the season exhibition games, and know their calibre.

And now, as the campaign started by the Daily Worker sports page three years ago gathers momentum and approaches the final showdown with those Jim Crow magnates who have kept baseball a step behind all other American sports in the fundamental question of sportsmanship, one of the sixteen magnates himself speaks out for the end of discrimination.

The past three years have seen the fight broaden out, and assume national proportions, with sports writers, players and fans gradually speaking out as they realized the unfairness of keeping men out of the game because of the color of their skin, no matter how fast they could run, how hard they could hit, how far they could throw. It received two of its initial boosts when Joe DiMaggio, the Yankee's great star, said that Satchell Paige, Negro hurler, was the greatest pitcher he had ever faced, and when Ford Frick, president of the National League, told the Daily Worker that there was no written ban against the Negro stars and there was an unwritten agreement between the individual club owners.

With sensational statement by Bill McKechnie that he "knew at least 25 Negro stars good enough," and would "hire some if given permission," the campaign caught fire last month, and was followed rapidly by other clean cut statements by managers and players.

Benswanger's statement is another step forward. "If it becomes and issue . . ." says the Pittsburgh owner. It's becoming the livest issue in the American sports world today and Benswanger has put himself on the side of the overwhelming majority who want an end to an un-American relic of discrimination in our National Pastime.

NEGRO BASE BALL PLAYERS

Some agitation has been made relative to Negro ball players making the major teams. This is being more widely discussed than ever. Some of the finest players in the country may be found among our group. They are natural adepts of this game. For these players Savannah was one of the leading places many years ago. Several well known teams were maintained here. It can be recalled three of the leading clubs, the Pacifics, Athletics and the Atlantics. These were located in the three sections of the city, Yamacraw, the Fort and Currietown. Most of the white fans were attracted to these games. In later years the Chathams took their place and held up the Savannah banner very successfully in other places. It is a pity that these organizations were not effectively continued. As to the making of the major teams, much favorable expressions have been made, even by some leading fans. One of these stated that "I have seen any number of great Negro players . . . . If I could remember names I could give at least twelve of them who could play in the majors." Another states "In my opinion there are any number of colored players who could make big leagues if given the opportunity." Another one enthusiastically said "I

Meet for Title

Willie Moon. Tony Bausone.

Tony Bausone Out to Uphold Family Honor

Tony Bausone is taking up where his brother Frank left off in the Catholic Youth organization boxing tournament. In an effort to keep the bantamweight title in the family, Tony will fight Willie Moon in the finals Wednesday night in the Stadium.

Frank, who was bantamweight champion last year, had hoped to be boxing for the featherweight title in this season's finals, but he was beaten in the quarter finals by Charlie Alicoate. So he will have to be content with a spectator's rôle next Wednesday.

Long before anyone suspected that Frank would be forced out at such an early stage, spectators in C. Y. O. Center used to watch him shout encouragement to his brother when the youngster was slugging his way through preliminary rounds. That practice will do Frank good because Tony will need all the encouragement he can get when he goes up against Moon.

Moon Owns Experience.

Though Tony has a flyweight C. Y. O. novice title to his credit, he is no match for his opponent in the matter of experience. Moon beat Al Noto for the C. Y. O. open division championship last year and then went on to perform brilliantly in the Golden Gloves tournament. He reached the semi-finals, where he was beaten by the ultimate champion, Vic Saccoia of Detroit. Then he won his intercity bout against Basil Jones of New York. He also earned a place on the International Golden Gloves squad, but lost a decision to Olli Lehtinen of Finland.

Moon is good both on offense and defense. He never forgets to keep his chin well protected. He can jab with his left and then send his right lashing out with lightning speed.

Bausone Fast on Feet.

Bausone is no laggard himself when it comes to shifty footwork and sharp punches. His right is particularly crisp and he can throw it without giving an opponent warning.

Tony is one of three of last year's novice champions who went after open division titles this year. The other two, Richard Blaha and Bob La Civita, failed to reach the finals.

The 32 open and novice division fighters who will take part in the finals went back to work in C. Y. O. Center gymnasium yesterday following a layoff over Thanksgiving. Coaches Paddy Kane and Dick Fitzpatrick found them all in satisfactory condition. They anticipate little difficulty in keeping the boys on edge until the night of the fights.

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Writer Takes Issue With Idea And Methods Being Used To Further Plans By Adherents

CHICAGO, Sept. (By R. S. Simmons for ANP))—For a number of years I have read articles and listened to a number of conversations relative to Negro ball players getting into the Big Leagues. I have stated on several occasions, and repeat that as long as we attempt to place our boys in the big leagues by trying to show that they are kept out thru segregation, discrimination and color, they will be kept out always. The more the latter three reasons mentioned are being placed before the public and the owners of the various big league teams and their officials, the further the success will be going from us.

I have been trying to understand why keep trying to throw Negro ball players on a group which has proved it doesn't want you. Why not have some independence by building up and praising your own leagues and forget the other fellow has a league, like he forgets you have one. As long as you show how inferior your leagues are and how superior his leagues are, you will never get any respect.

What do you call the Negro National and Negro American leagues? If they are not major or big leagues, let's make them just that. It can be done. We have ball players who are as good as players coming from any group. We should be able to build our own leagues that will gain the attention of baseball loving fans.

You may wonder why so many of our folk turn their attention to the games of other leagues. This is because they are constantly being told in one sense of the word that our leagues are so small and not interesting and that the other leagues top the day and have all there is in baseball.

People who like to watch baseball games want to see plenty of action and pep when they pay at the box office. A majority feel that the other big leagues have that because it is constantly kept before them. This is the one thing that team owners and league officials must do in order to compete in holding the customer and not operate on the plan that they know we have a ball team and a ball park and do their advertising a day or two before the game is to be played in your town.

Towns where leagues are represented, the owner of that team should keep fans posted as to what progress their team is making while on the road. When the home team leaves and a week passes before baseball fans hear a word about the progress of the team, their attention is turned to those games which are kept before them daily. Then, when the team returns for home games, the fans are so wrapped up in the other games they have lost interest in their own league games.

I believe every nationality has a certain amount of racepride, but a business can't depend on race pride—it must produce. In order to produce, there must be formed a sound organization and that cooperation should be put into execution and not the chin music kind of execution, but that which calls for real action.

The appearance of a business is a big item along with the appearance of those who participate in that business. It is a part of that which will have the tendency to help get and hold customers. Players should be paid a decent salary in order that they will be satisfied and their minds clear and kept on their business. They should be treated like men, but should understand that they are in a business organization, part of the success of which is left up to them. Actions of players will be the result of patrons of the game. No one likes to see "and especially pay to see" a player drag around the ball field, but they will pay to see real action regardless of the losses, and regardless if it be black or white.

A ball player can't expect to play Class A ball after spending three-fourths of the night carousing around with friends who will pay a fee to see him in action the next day. A ball player, like other athletes, should be given definite rules as to care to be observed relative to eating, sleeping and exercise to keep themselves in shape to perform their duties on the ball diamond.

It is surprising to know that customers notice everything. When they visit other parks and note the actions of players of other groups and the surroundings, their minds reflect back to their own parks and surroundings and they make their own decisions as to which one they want to frequent. All these little things count.

The Negro National and American leagues can be made so popular that members of our race will be talking, patronizing and boosting our leagues as they are now doing for other leagues. Courtesy is the one big word that serves as a big part of the success of any business. Convenience for customers is another and above all, action and no foolishness on the ball ground.

A players record should be kept from the beginning to the end of each season plus his merits and demerits—his hitting, batting and fielding averages. These last three should be given to the league secretary ever so often, and same should be compiled and given to newspapers for publication in order that the baseball public will know how its favorite player stands on his team and in the league. Owners and managers should be fair with players and players in turn should be likewise.

Armstrong, Lou Ambers Managers Are Suspended

NEW YORK, Sept. 14—Another chapter has been written in the reeking Armstrong-Ambers bout. This time the writing was done by the famed New York boxing commissioners, who after a stormy session with both Eddie Meade and Al Weill in their offices, suspended both managers for "conduct detrimental to the best interests of boxing."

Meade's suspension was set at 13 months, while Weill was given a three months' suspension.

Summoned to the offices of the commission to give their version of the recent battle of Armstrong and Ambers, Referee Arthur Donovan and Judges Frank Pullom and Bill Healy gave their version of incidents happening during the fight, characterized as a "steal" by many sport writers throughout the country.

It is believed here that the suspension of Meade will be lifted in time for him to officiate in the scheduled welterweight scrap between Ambers and Hank at Madison Square garden.

Meade's and Weill's suspensions came after a week of bitter recriminations and pleas of "robbery" by Meade, cries of "fake" by boxing fans and charges of "squawking" by Weill.

In the meantime little Henry Armstrong is staying indoors at his home in New York, being treated by the doctor for his numerous injuries sustained during the fight.

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Strickland Wins Negro Tourney

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 26.—(AP)—Cliff Strickland, Riverside, Cal., won the Negro National Open Golf championship Friday with a 72-hole score of 296.

Leading from the start, Strickland added a 75 to a 71-77-73 score and finished nine strokes in front of Edison Marshall, Indianapolis, who had a score of 225-80, and Erroll Strickland, Riverside, a cousin, who had 229-76 for 305.

The winner received $250 prize money. The next two divided $215 second and third money.

Hugh Smith, with 226-80—306, won $65 and Howard Wheeler received $25 for his 230-78—308 score. A. D. Crosley, a former Atlantian, had 231-78—309 and Zeke Hartsfield had 235-76—311.

J. Owens Thrills Crowd At Ball Park

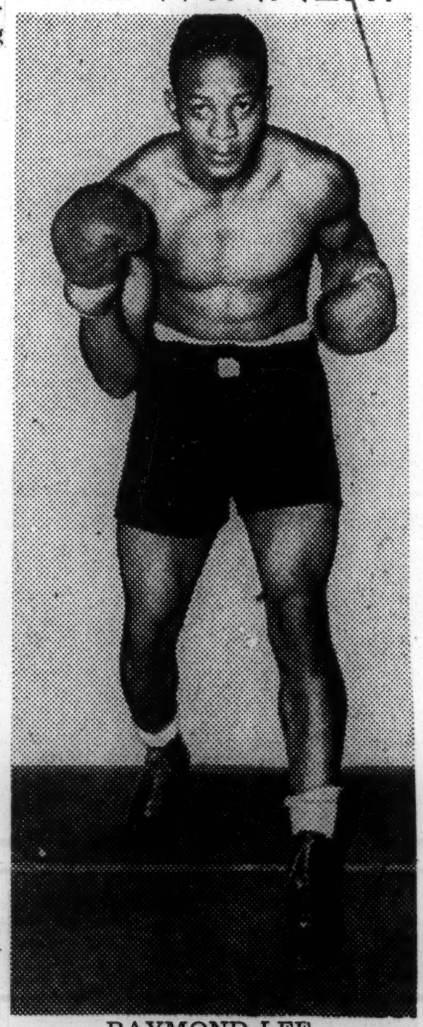
Kansas City Monarchs Wallop Memphis Red Sox, 12-3

Jesse Owens, former Olympic champion, thrilled 1,500 spectators last night in an exhibition staged in Cramton Bowl following a baseball game between the Kansas City Monarchs and the Memphis Red Sox, the Monarchs winning, 12 to 3.

Owens, otherwise known as the "fastest human," thrilled the audience when he gave four other runners a five-yard lead and then out ran them in the 100-yard dash. Owens also showed in the 120-yard low hurdles, his opponents running straight away and circling the bases.

The Kansas City Monarchs, winners of the Negro American League, displayed plenty of hitting power in hammering the ball all over the lot in defeating the Red Sox with ease. "Happy" Smith, ace of the Monarchs' mound staff, whiffed eight batters in beating Memphis. Smith, a 24-game winner during the regular season, displayed a fast ball and a curve that wouldn't wait.

THE WINNER!



RAYMOND LEE, lightheavy of the Recreation A.C., who defeated Tiger Jew Williams of Norfolk's Eureka A.A. at the Recreation Center here in Richmond on Monday night.

Stephens-Lee Downs Price High, 34-0

ASHEVILLE, N.C., Stephens Lee High School football team, piloted by Gene Taylor, triple threat fullback, and George Bishop, completely routed the Price High team of Salisbury, by the score of 34 to 0.

WRITER HOLDS COLORED BASEBALL STARS NEEDED TO GIVE "YANKEES" CONTEST IN WORLD SERIES GAMES

By LESTER RODNEY
Crusader News Agency

NEW YORK, Oct. 18—THE YANKEES have just about clinched the argument for the immediate ending of the discrimination against Negro baseball players.

They have knocked over all opposition from both leagues for the fourth straight year. Already the greatest team in history, they are coming up with rookies next year who will make them even better. There isn't a team on the horizon with even a faint chance of stopping them, of putting some suspense and balance back into the National Pastime.

Would the St. Louis Cards, as some think, have put up a better battle than Cincinnati? The Yanks would have romped over the Cards with more ease than they crushed the Reds. Make no mistake about this Cincinnati team. It was a pretty good team,—as good as the National League can hope to produce for a while with its present setup. Walters and Derringer are a pair of real pitching aces. All they did was slow up the Yankees momentarily. They prevented the full going batting picnic that the champs would have enjoyed against the weaker Card hurlers.

Everyone knows that the Yanks are too good for their opposition and are getting better. If they don't know that they don't know anything about baseball. Ask a scout for any of the other clubs about young white minor league prospects. He'll tell you, "There's only ten and the Yanks have eight of them."

Something has to be done. And that something is so obvious that it can't be dodged any more. Not breaking up the Yankees, but giving the other manager a fighting chance to build up to the Yankees strength by lifting the ban that prevents at least twenty great American players from doing their stuff in the big leagues.

The only team with a chance to beat the Yanks will have to have some of the great Negro players on it. And how the managers wish they could reach out and sign the Josh Gibsons, Mule Scuttles and Satchell Paiges.

They have already said as much, out loud. Players and sports writers have blasted the ban. It is strictly up to the magnates, Judge Landis, and League Presidents Frick and Harridge now to decide whether or not the game is to get a much needed revitalization by the introduction of a flock of talented performers. Or rather, it's up to the fans to let the magnates & co. know just how they feel about a situation that finds one great team all alone, and other teams hamstrung in their chances of giving them a fight by a ban conducted by a little minority against the qualified representatives of 15 million Americans whose skin happens to be dark.

White Athlete Is a Member Of Negro Grid Aggregation

Youthful Lad Is Rated As Being One of Lincoln's Most Dependable Squad Men: Is a Natural Player

185-Pounder Is Star Lineman

WASHINGTON—(ANP)—Sports writers, the man has bitten the dog! All of the glowing accounts concerning Negroes playing on white teams throughout the country are completely overshadowed by the very fine playing of one R. Oves, a white lad from Philadelphia, who is rated by those who have seen him in action as the best center Lincoln ever had.

Weighing 185 pounds and a natural player, Oves is one of the stalwarts of the Rivero coached outfit, and because of his presence in the line, Lincoln is destined for better football fortunes than has been her fate in the past few years.

Oves came to Lincoln from nearby Oxford. Having lived in south Philadelphia among Negroes most of his life, he was graduated from Central high school of that city. His family then moved over to Oxford and Oves was picketed for Bucknell college. Something went amiss and a member of the state legislature, a Mr. Holcombe, who lives in Oxford, suggested that Oves go to Lincoln.

Manny Rivero, coach, hearing of the situation, paid a visit to the Oves family. The lad's father, impressed with the straightforward Rivero, agreed for his son to attend the Negro college with the statement:

"My son attending Lincoln is no different from your going to Columbia."

As a result, Oves went over to the Negro college and promptly went out for football. His excellence in the position has made the Lincoln line and given Rivero cause for rejoicing. Oves is popular with his teammates and gets along well with the other students in his class.

And so in football, the man bit the dog and made news. While other Negroes are starring in the better known schools, a white boy, good enough to make any college team, going to a Negro college and crashing the varsity to make the headlines of Negro newspapers.

Already the powerful Lincoln eleven has engaged such well known institutions as North Carolina State and Cheyney Teachers college, and the remainder of the 1939 football schedule reads as follows:

Oct. 21: Morgan college (Baltimore).

Oct. 28: Hampton institute (Hampton).

Nov. 4: St. Paul N. and I. School (home).

Nov. 11: Virginia Union university (Richmond).

Nov. 18: Bluefield State Teachers (home).

Nov. 23: Howard university (Philadelphia).

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SUB LEADS LANGSTON COLORED TEAM TO TITLE

Tate Steals Show as Lions Remain Among Nation's Pace-Setters

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Thanks to a substitute freshman fullback's startling performance, the Langston (Okla.) University Lions are champions of the Southeastern Athletic Conference and still the nation's pace-setters in Negro football.

The Oklahomans, only undefeated and untied Negro team, kept a notch ahead of Virginia State in the race for national honors, Freshman State stealing the show in their seventh straight victory. Langston, with Tate scoring both touchdowns, tackling viciously and breaking up several threats with pass interceptions, ran true to form in blanking Arkansas State, 12-0.

THE LIONS, WHO HAVE had their goal line crossed only three times, face Prairie View this week in a toss-up which may have bearing on the annual "Orange Blossom" classic at Orlando, Fla. Prairie View is bunched with Arkansas State and Wiley for S. W. A. C.'s second spot. Florida A. & M., defending national Negro champion, will invite a team generally ranked as the country's leader, to play it in the classic December 9.

Virginia State also scored a two-touchdown victory in another of Saturday's major games, 13-0, over Greensboro (N. C.) A. & T., to retain leadership in the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association. It was A. & T.'s first loss. Virginia State, with five triumphs and one tie in six starts, meets a serious threat this week in Hampton Institute, the only team to beat Lincoln (Pa.). The Lincoln Lions who were tied by Bluefield 0-0 are second in the C. I. A. A.

WILBERFORCE, WHICH upset Kentucky State by William Schnebley's three field goals, was in turn stunned by Lincoln (Mo.), 12-8, but it left Wilberforce with a slight edge over Kentucky State, West Virginia State and Lincoln (Mo.) in the Midwestern Athletic Conference.

Wilberforce, beaten twice in six games, will help settle the M. W. A. C. title this week by meeting West Virginia, while Lincoln (Mo.) faces favored Tennessee State.

Alabama State maintained its leadership in the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association and in a tie with several others for third place nationally by giving Morehouse its second setback, 6-0. Xavier of New Orleans, third in S. I. A. C., meets Little Lane's Giant-killers this week. Alabama State faces non-conference Alcorn.

LINCOLN (PA.), KENTUCKY State and Greensboro A. & T. are bunched with Alabama State for third spot in the national race. All other Negro elevens have dropped two or more games.

The nation's leaders:

Team. (Confer'ce.)	w.	l.	t.	tp.	op.
Langston (S.W.A.C.)	7	0	0	76	19
Virginia S. (C.I.A.A.)	5	0	1	74	13
Ky. State (M.W.A.C.)	5	1	0	118	28
Linc'n, Pa. (C.I.A.A.)	5	1	1	59	34
Ala. St. (S.I.A.C.)	5	1	2	87	44
Greensb'o (C.I.A.A.)	3	1	3	93	19

singles championships to John B. Garrett, Veteran hospital, Tuskegee, Ala.

Junior singles championship, Robert Ryland; Joseph King, runner-up.

Girls singles championship, Vivian Murphy, Buffalo; Helen Hutchinson, Tuskegee, runner-up.

Boys' singles championship, Robert Isaacs, Nassau, Bahamas Islands; Charles Lewis Jr., Prairie View, Texas, runner-up.

Men's doubles championship, Jimmie McDaniels and Richard Cohen, Xavier university and Nathaniel and Franklin Jackson, Laurinburg, N. C.

Ladies' doubles championship, Margaret and Roumania Peters, Tuskegee, Ala., vs. Mrs. Flora Lomax and Lillian Burch, Detroit.

Junior doubles championship, Joseph King, McIntosh, Ga., and Marshall Arnold, Atlanta, Ga., vs. Roland McDaniels, Richardson, Va., and W. Collins, Durham, N. C.

Mixed doubles championship, Miss Ora Washington, Philadelphia, and Dr. Sylvester Smith of Ambler, Pa., vs. Mrs. Agnes Lawson and Mr. Lawson of Prairie View, Texas.

National intercollegiate championship, Jimmie McDaniels, Xavier university and Tommy Walker, West Virginia State college.

ALL-AMERICAN NEGRO ELEVEN IS ANNOUNCED

Pair Of Alabama State Gridmen Placed On Second Team

ATLANTA, Dec. 28 (AP)—An All-America Negro football team, including two players each from Langston (Okla.), Florida A. & M. and Morris Brown (Atlanta), was announced Thursday by The Atlanta Daily World, Negro newspaper.

The selection—including a sophomore, Wilberforce's Herschel Schnebly, a 266-pound tackle who kicked five field goals—was based on votes of players of the nation's 40 major Negro teams. Players were asked to select only the gridders they had opposed.

Henry Butler, Florida A. & M. back, was the most popular choice with 79 votes.

The first team:

Player, College	Position
James Brewer, Virginia State	End
Prince Street, Langston	Tackle
Clifford Brown, Morris Brown	Guard
Allen Summers, Xavier (La.)	Center
Franklin Swain, Langston	Guard
Herschel Schnebly, Wilberforce	Tackle
LeRoss Rooker, Morris Brown	End
Henry Butler, Florida A. & M.	Back
Redford Rogers, Kentucky State	Back
Raymond Hill, Southern (La.)	Back
George Strachan, Florida A. & M.	Back

The Second Team

Herman Plummer (Lincoln, Mo.) and Archie Lewis (Arkansas State), ends; Holman Sawyer (Alabama State) and John Montgomery (Prairie View), tackles; James Stuart (Hampton) and William Gould (North Carolina A. & T.), guards; Melvin Bailey (Kentucky State), center; James Griffin (Hampton), Thomas Mills (Xavier), Thomas Greene (Alabama State), and John Moody (Morris Brown), backs.

Wins Title In Three Sets

By J. D. McGHEE

HAMPTON, Va., Aug. 25—Smiling Jimmy McDaniel, the Los Angeles tennis player, representing Xavier university of New Orleans, also Southern and National intercollegiate net champion, swept aside all competition to reach the finals of the twenty-third national play of the American Tennis association and on Saturday before a colorful gallery he defeated Dr. Reginald Weir of Flushing, N. Y., in the finals, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.

McDaniel won three championships in the 11 events which took seven days—an extra day was needed due to the rains which occurred.

Rain during the week prevented the play-off of all the finals in ten events. Final matches in men's doubles, women's doubles, junior doubles, junior singles were played Sunday.

Flora Lomax, Detroit, won the women's singles crown defeating Roumania Peters 6-0, 8-6.

Robert Isaac, Nassau, Bahamas, British West Indies, won the boys' singles crown by defeating Charles Lewis, Prairie View college, Texas, 6-3, 6-4.

Miss Ora Washington, Philadelphia, and Dr. Sylvester Smith, Ambler, Pa., defeated Miss Agnes Lawson and William Lawson, Prairie View college, Texas, in mixed doubles finals 6-3, 6-3.

McDaniel won the national intercollegiate on Friday from Tommy Walker, West Virginia, and came back Saturday to take the men's singles championship from his rival, Dr. Weir whom he had defeated in the New York open two weeks previously. The third championship was the men's doubles which he won with his Xavier partner, Richard Cohen from the Jackson brothers of Laurenburg, N. C., in a thrilling manner Sunday afternoon 6-4, 7-5, 6-4. Weir is former national champion.

Others who reached the finals were awarded prizes and trophies at the close of the matches Sunday by William Cooper, head of extension department, Hampton institute included the women's singles championship awarded Miss Flora Lomax, Detroit and runner-up, Miss Roumania Peters, Tuskegee; the junior singles championship awarded to Robert Ryland, Chicago, with runner-up Joseph King, Dorchester academy, McIntosh, Ga.; the veteran

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Kenny Washington, U.C.L.A.'s great Negro halfback, was selected this week on Liberty Magazine's All-Player All-American football team and once again stood out as the greatest football player in the country during the past season.

Washington received more votes in a poll conducted by Liberty which was composed of 1,659 football players from coast to coast than any other player.

One hundred and three players who competed against the great Negro star, agreed in their returns that he was the outstanding backfield man they met.

According to Liberty, Washington gained 863 yards in 141 tries. He threw 76 passes in 9 games, and completed 35 for gains that totaled 479 yards. He was responsible for 1,360 yards. He received the highest combined percentage of any one player in the country.

Washington's two Negro teammates, Woodrow Strode and Jackie Robinson, received honorable mention awards on the team.

Summaries of 1939 Tennis Champions

1939 Tennis Champions

Men's Singles—Jimmie McDaniels, avier university.

Men's Doubles—McDaniels and Dick Cohen, Xavier university.

*Women's Singles—Mrs. Flora Lomax, Detroit, Mich.

*Women's Doubles — Margaret and Roumania Peters, Tuskegee Institute.

Junior Singles—Robert Ryland, Chicago, Ill.

Mixed Doubles—Miss Ora Washington, Philadelphia, Pa., and Dr. Sylvester Smith, Ambler, Pa.

Veterans Singles—John B. Garrett, Tuskegee Institute.

Boys' Singles—Robert Isaacs, Nassau, Bahamas.

Girls' Singles—Vivian Murphy, Buffalo, N.

Junior Doubles—Joseph King, McIntosh, Ga., and Marshall Arnold, Atlanta, Ga.

Intercollegiate Singles—Jimmie McDaniels, Xavier university.

*Retained championship.

HAMPTON, W. Va., Aug. 31—The summaries in the tennis play are as follows:

FRIDAY'S SUMMARIES

Men's Singles

Chandler d. Minnis, 4-6, 10-8, 6-2; Wells d. McCampbell, 8-6, 8-10, 6-1; Dr. Weir d. Cohen, 6-2, 5-7 6-0; McDaniels d. Walker, 6-2, 6-1.

Veterans' Singles

Garrett d. Hinton, 6-0, 6-1; Roulhac d. McRae, 6-1, 6-3.

Women's Singles

K. Jones d. Stratton, 6-3; 6-1; Lawson d. Davis, 6-2, 6-1; Lawson d. M. Peters, 6-4, 1-6, 6-3; M. Peters d. Beavers, 6-2, 8-6; L. Burch d. F. Gittins, 6-3, 6-3 F. Lomax d. Katherine Jones, 6-3, 6-2.

Men's Doubles

Hunter and Bennett d. Waler and Wells, 6-1, 3-6, 6-4; Jackson and Jackson d. Hunt and Hunt, 6-1, 6-0; Jones and Weaver d. Minnis and Garrett, 6-2, 4-6, 7-5; McGriff and McGriff d. Green and Hilton, 2-6, 10-8, 6-3; Graham and McCampbell d. Johnson and Fitch, 6-3, 2-6, 7-5;

Norman and Chandler d. Birnie and Harrell, 6-1, 6-0; Bishop and Hawkins d. Grady and Hudlin, 6-1, 6-0; Graham and McCampbell d. Furlonge and Stapleton, 6-2, 6-4; Cohen and McDaniel d. Mcore and More, 6-2, 6-1; McWilson and Hughes d. Hendley and Fenney, 8-6, 6-4; Wood and Watts d. Griffin and Hamilton by default; Jackson and Brown d. Ingram and Washington, 6-0, 6-2.

Women's Doubles

Washington and Gant d. Conick and Madison, 6-1, 6-3; Abbott and White d. Jones and Woodfaulk, 6-3, 6-4; Peters and Peters d. Beavers and Gittens, 6-1, 3-6, 6-4; Brown and Andrews d. Williams and Priestly, 7-5, 3-6, 6-2; Burch and Lomax d. Murphy and Walden, 6-2, 6-2; Abott and White d. Brown and Andrews, 7-5, 6-0.

Mixed Doubles

Jones and Johnson d. Lipscombe and Lipscombe, 6-2, 6-0; Washington and Smith d. Griffin and March, 6-3, 6-3; Moore and Moore d. Bundy and Ponder, 6-1, 8-6; Morgan and Jackson d. Barnes and Knorl, 6-0, 5-7, 6-1; Lawson and Lawson d. Conick and Johnson, 3-6, 6-1, 6-3; Griffin and March d. Ford and Grinnell, 6-2, 6-3.

Junior Singles

B. Ashford d. R. Stapleton, 6-4, 6-2; Joseph King d. Lonny Gaskins, 1-6, 6-4, 6-0; George Oliver d. G. Walker, q-5, 7-5; Robert Ryland d. Vincent, 6-2, 6-0.

Boys' Singles

R. Dawson d. Q. Vaughn, 6-4, 7-5; Charles Lewis d. R. Scott, 6-4, 6-4; R. Isaac d. Lewis Chippey, 6-1, 6-4; J. Wood d. R. Johnson, 6-0, 6-2; Harry Pratt d. Harvey Davis by defeault; R. Isaac d. Hilton and Davis, 6-2, 6-0.

SATURDAY'S SUMMARIES

Men's Singles

Jimmie McDaniels d. John Chandler, 6-3, 6-4, 7-5; Dr. Weir d. Johnson Wells, 7-5, 6-3, 9-7; McDaniels d. Dr. Weir, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.

Men's Doubles

Walker and Wells d. Bishop and Hawkins, 6-3, 6-3; McDaniels and Cohen d. Graham and McCampbell, 6-3, 6-1; Jackson and Jackson d. Norman, Jr., and Chandler, 7-5, 3-6, 6-0; Jacson and Jackson d. Walker and Wells, 7-5, 6-3.

Veterans' Singles

Dr. C. W. Furlonge d. Lawrence Hinton, 6-3, 6-2; John Garrett d. Fred Johnson, 6-0, 7-5; John Garrett d. Furlonge, 6-4, 6-1.

Girls' Singles

Vivian Murphy d. Lydabell Green, 6-2, 6-1; Helen Hutcherson d. Audrey Davis, 6-3, 8-6.

Women's Singles

Lomax d. R. Peters, 6-0, 8-6.

Mixed Doubles

Washington and Smith d. Lawson and Lawson, 6-3, 6-3.

Junior Doubles

Davis and Lewis d. Johnson and Thompson, 6-4, 6-1.

Women's Doubles

Burch and Lomax d. Abbott and White, 6-1, 6-2.

Boys' Singles

Robert Isaac d. Harry Pratt, 8-6, 6-1; Charles Lewis d. T. Dawson, 4-6, 9-7, 6-0.

Women's Singles

R. Peters d. A. Lawson, 6-1, 4-6, 6-3; Lomax d. Lillian Burch, 6-4, 4-6, 6-0.

Mixed Doubles

Lawson and Lawson d. Morgan and Jackson, 6-1, 6-1; Washington and Smith d. Jones and Johnson, 6-3, 7-5.

SUNDAY'S SUMMARIES

Men's Doubles

Jackson and Jackson d. McGriff and McGriff, 7-5, 6-3, 6-1; McDaniels and Cohen d. Jackson and Jackson, 6-4, 6-4.

Junior Doubles

McDaniels and Collins d. Whittaker and Ashford by default; King and Arnold d. Jarvis and Lewis, 6-1, 6-1; King and Arnold d. McDaniels and Collins, 6-1, 6-3.

Junior Singles

King d. McDaniels, 6-4, 6-1; Ryland d. Arnold, 6-4, 6-1; Ryland d. King, 6-1, 0-6, 6-0.

TUSKEGEE WOMEN LEAVE FOR ANNUAL A. A. U. TRACK MEET

Sixteen Girls Headed by Lula Mae Hymes to Take Part in Championship Events Sunday, September 3

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala.—Sixteen members of the Tuskegee Championship Track and Field team, left the institute Monday to participate in the National A. A. U. championships which will be held at Waterbury, Conn., September 3.

Lula Mae Hymes, of Atlanta, Ga., Tuskegee senior, holder of the 100-meter run and running broad jump titles, and who ran the anchor leg on the 400-meter relay team, heads the list of Tuskegee's fine performers. This cinder-path phantom will defend her title in both events and will again run on the relay team. Her opposition will be exceedingly keen for some of the best women athletes of the nation will endeavor to wrest the crown from the Dixie marvel. Rowena Harrison, born in the little town of Tuskegee, Ala., who ran to and from the Washington public school which she attended, merely for joy of running, long before she ever thought that her talents on the cinder path would lead her to national championship competition, is another standout on the Tuskegee team. Celestine Birge will participate in the 50-meter run and in all probability will capture this event as she has a consistent practice record of 6.6 seconds and if pushed should better this time.

Other members of the Tuskegee group with excellent track records are Margaret Barnes, whose home is in Kalamazoo, Mich., and who handles the javelin with proficiency, has establlshed a fine record in the baseball throw; Hester Barbara Brown, Atlanta, 200-meter flash, and member of the "B" team, will see plenty of action for she can do several things well; Florence Wright, shot put artist; Hattie Hall, who hurls the discus; Leila Perry, hurdler; Augusta Butler, high jump, and Alice Coachman, also a high jumper.

While the Tuskegee championship relay team is expected to establish a new record in the 400-meter run, members of this group will have to step lively all the way for the greatest array of relay teams ever entered in this event will participate.

Thumbnail Sketches of Members Of the 1939 Tuskegee Institute Women's Track and Field Team

Lula Mae Hymes, born March 5, 1917 at Atlanta, Ga. Miss Hymes was a member of the 1939 senior class of Tuskegee Institute. She is the National A. A. U. champion in the 100-meter run and the running broad jump and she ran anchor on Tuskegee's National championship 400-meter relay team. She was also voted the outstanding feminine track and field athlete for 1938. At the spring meet held at Tuskegee institute, May 12, 1939, she tied the world's record in the 100 meter run at 11.5 seconds.

Hattie Hall, born November 16, 1919, at Cincinnati, Ohio. Miss Hall is a new comer to track and field, having taken up the sport since entering Tuskegee institute. In practice she has bettered the accepted world's record in the shot put. She will also throw the discus at Waterbury.

Hester Barbara Brown, born October 13, 1921, at Atlanta, Ga. Miss Brown won second place in the 200-meter run in the 1938 National A. A. U. championships. She was also a member of the relay team "A" that won the national title. This year she will take part in the 200-meter run a Waterbury and lead-off for relay team "B". She has run the 200 meters in 25.6 in practice this summer.

Lucy Newell, born January 30, 1922, Laurel, Miss. She will take part in the 100-meter run, broad jump and will run the anchor leg on relay team "B". Her best time in the 100 meters is 11.6.

Leila Perry, born October 8, 1921, at Atlanta, Ga. Miss Perry is a Tuskegee freshman. She has been converted from a sprinter into an 80-meter hurdler. She will also run the third leg on relay team "B". Her best time over the hurdles is 12.1 seconds.

Augusta Butler, born at Snow Hill, Ala., January 26, 1923. She will compete in the running high jump. She has cleared the bar at a height of 5 feet 1 inch in practice this summer

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Rowena Harrison, born November 26, 1923, at Tuskegee, Ala. Miss Harrison will take part in the 100-meter run, in which event she has also tied the accepted world's record of 11.5 this spring. She will run the third leg on relay team "A".

Christine Long, born at Atchison, Kas., March 4, 1920. Miss Long is a new-comer to track and field. She will take part in the high jump, baseball throw and the 200-meter run. Her best throw with the baseball is 240 feet.

Alice Coachman, born November 10, 1922 at Albany, Ga. Miss Coachman, in the running high jump in practice has bettered the accepted world's record of 5 feet 5¼ inches.

Lillie Purifoy, born September 11, 1921, Snow Hill, Ala. Miss Purifoy will take part in the 80-meter hurdles and will stand by as substitute for team "B" in the 400-meter relay race.

Ernestine Rogers, born December 2, 1921, Atlanta, Ga. Miss Rogers has entered the 50-meter run and will run the second leg on relay team "B". She was a member of the Tuskegee team "B" that won at Naugatuck, Conn., last year. Her best time in the 50 is 6.7.

Margaret Barnes, born September 30, 1918. Miss Barnes is a junior at Tuskegee institute. She will take part in the javelin throw in which event she won second place at Naugatuck, Conn., last year. She will also take part in the baseball throw. Her best distance with the javelin is 120 feet.

Celestine Birge, born Boston, Mass., October 1, 1921. Miss Birge is a member of the freshman class at Tuskegee institute. She will take part in the 50-meter run and will again lead off for relay team "A", the national champions, as she did last year. Her best time in the 50-meter run was made this year at Prairie View, Texas, when she was time in 6.6 seconds.

Jessie E. Abbott, born July 22, 1918, at Des Moines, Iowa. She is a member of the junior class at Tuskegee institute, and will run the second leg on relay team "A" as she did last year and throw the discus.

Helen Hutchinson, born October 22, 1921, at Tuskegee institute, Ala. She will take part in the 50-meter run and is also alternate on team "A" Her best time in the 50-meter run is 6.7 seconds.

Florence N. Wright, born at Roba, Ala. She is a veteran in A. A. U. track and field competition She won second place in the shot put in 1936 at Providence, R. I.; second place at Trenton, N. J., in 1937, and second place at Naugatuck, Conn., in this event in 1938. Her best distance in the shot put is 40 feet 6 inches.

By Ric ROBERTS

What! No Darnaby Or Abbott At The Meet! We Need The 'Skegees

FOR THE FIRST time in fifteen years the illustrious persons of Major Cleve Abbott and Captain R. S. Darnaby were not to be seen at the annual September gathering of coaches and officials in Atlanta.

Sirs Trammell and Adams, ex-great Tiger stalwarts, attended to the Tuskegee business. This situation pictures a situation at Tuskegee currently with which the general public is unfamiliar.

The grandeur of the past fifteen years, 1923 to 1937, has rendered Tuskegee woefully unequal to the task of looking at mediocre Tiger teams and liking it. The new de-emphasis on football at Tuskegee today amounts almost to an 'embargo-blockade.

I look back to those flaming years and those flaming stars—Stevenson, Tadlock, Paul Smith, Ike Robinson, Duncan, Joe Shanklin Millard, Wooten, Connie Robinson, Champion, Mule Harrison and Ernest Bailey!

I never will forget the blare of the famed and original Tuskegee band . . . the clatter of cleated feet . . . martial music . . . deafening cheers . . . the boom-boom-boom of bass drums as the great Tiger teams of yesterday marched into Alumni Bowl doped to win by odds of 10 to 1 on any of us—Atlanta U., Clark, Alabama, Morehouse!

When Abbott Was Master

We visited Tuskegee for 13 years, did we SIAC caravans, without success. Alumni Bowl was hallowed ground and year after year the great Abbott juggernaughts cut us down; sawed our legs off up to our knees.

Here, at Tuskegee, were erected the greatest colored football teams of all time—Morgan or no Morgan. The records sustain this assertion in loud, assertive tones. No team under the sun, no college alive today can point to a consecutive streak of 13 years during which no brother team could win a game.

I wonder if the few lean years, years that were bound to come, have brought on this spirit of non-partisanship at Tuskegee. They will be playing football at Tuskegee right on down the years. They will be thrilling to touchdowns and punts and passes at Tuskegee when the present incumbents have long since departed this vale of sorrow.

In 1958 who will remember that there was an era of ill-feeling or should I say, de-emphasis on football at Tuskegee back here in 1938 What will these few lean years mean?

Football is still football. The college kids love it, live it. They are young and given to youth's thirst for conquest and youth's love for the dangerous.

I think Tuskegee should give football sanction again. For years Tuskegee was our ambassador to the west, the east, the mid-west. She had the capital and the team and the coaches . . . she had the men. The SIAC cannot thrive normally with football limping in spirit and lacking in warmth at Tuskegee.

Call Back The Years

O sure, I used to hate Tuskegee and her big bad teams. I detested her big band and silken togs and squadrons of all-Americans. The first day (1926) I sat on a bench in Alumni Bowl, as a halfback substitute for Snaky Beck; still lingers in my mind.

It was magnificent! It was grand! Somehow I got the feeling that here was something big and that we were a part of it. I would not want to look back on my grid days in the SIAC as player or official without barking back to Tuskegee.

Many years from today I will, if I am around, hark back to Shorty Hall standing beneath his trumpet screaming into the high notes. The Tuskegee team on the enemy five yard line and 2,500 students moaning and humming: "Touchdown Tigers!—Touchdown Tigers!"

Yes, we were victims in 1926 and 1927 at Alumni Bowl and at Legion Field in Birmingham before 8,000 in 1929 but that doesn't distort the picture. I'm afraid this generation is missing something that Tuskegee used to offer.

Florida's Tom Jones smashed the Tuskegee legend of no SIAC defeat at Alumni Bowl. That was in 1936 when Tom made his SIAC debut as a frosh halfback running two long touchdowns and adding both extra-points to come from behind and take the Tiger, 14-13.

Since that time Tuskegee has been beaten rather often and the 25-0 slugging at the hands of arch-foe Alabama last Turkey Day has not helped any.

Tuskegee should build again. The SIAC needs great teams and great bands at Tuskegee. I wish they would bring them back again.. that is, the great teams. ....

Tuskegee In Sports World Glare

6-6-39

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala.—(SNS)—Tuskegee women's track and field team, National A. A. U. champions for 1937 and 1938, are gradually getting back into training for the big meets which will be held this summer and which will be climaxed with the National A. A. U., championships scheduled for Waterbury, Connecticut in September. Atlanta, Ga.

Lula Hymes, national 100 meters and broad jump champion, as well as running anchor on the Tuskegee 400 meters championships relay team, will defend her honors. She won the 100 meters run at the 11th Annual Tuskegee Women's Track and Field Championships in 11.5 seconds which ties the officially recognized world record set by Helen Stephens in 1936 at the Olympic Games in Berlin. Lula Hymes holds the meet record in the broad jump with a leap of 18 feet, 4 1-2 inches. This is 4 1-2 inches better than the accepted American mark of 18 feet made by Mable Smith, a teammate, at the final Olympic tryouts held at Providence, Rhode Island, July 4, 1936.

It is also interesting to note, in so far as records are concerned, that the Tuskegee 440 yards women's national A. A. U., championship relay team, composed of Celestine Birge, Jessie Abbott, Hester Brown and Lula Hymes, have bettered the accepted mark of 48.8 set by Great Britain's National team in Gothenburg, Germany, August 29, 1926.

OLD PILL

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala—A baseball which was used in the last game in which Eddie Woolridge played as a member of the Tuskegee baseball team on the Institute diamond was exhibited by him when he was here attending his 1929 Class Reunion. Members of the class in attendance upon the reunion autographed the ball. Woolridge is regarded as one of Tuskegee's most outstanding baseball and football players. He is now a successful business man in Anderson, South Carolina.

SEEKS PH. D.

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala.—Edward H. Adams, assistant instructor in the Department of Physical Education and Coach of the Varsity basketball team, has entered the University of Iowa at Iowa City and is pursuing studies leading to his doctorate in the field of physical education.

Coach Adams is listed in Tuskegee Institute's athletic Hall of Fame. He took part in all sports during his undergraduate days at Tuskegee and won letters in softball, basketball and track.

ELLERBE DEFENDS TITLE

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala.—The Los Angeles-Tuskegee Club will entertain in honor of Mozel Ellerbe and Track Coach William O'Shields on their visit to the coast this month. Ellerbe will participate in the National Collegiate 100 yard dash, which will be held in the Colosseum at Los Angeles, June 16 and 17.

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HENRY ARMSTRONG

ARMSTRONG HOME, LEFT HAND IN CAST

6-6-39

Champion's Thumb, Broken in Roderick Bout, Expected to Mend in Three Weeks

New York

His left hand in a plaster cast to protect a broken left thumb, Henry Armstrong, holder of the lightweight and welterweight championships of the world, arrived here yesterday aboard the Queen Mary of the Cunard White Star Line. Accompany him were his wife, his brother Harry; his manager, Eddie Mead, Mrs. Mead and Eddie Walker.

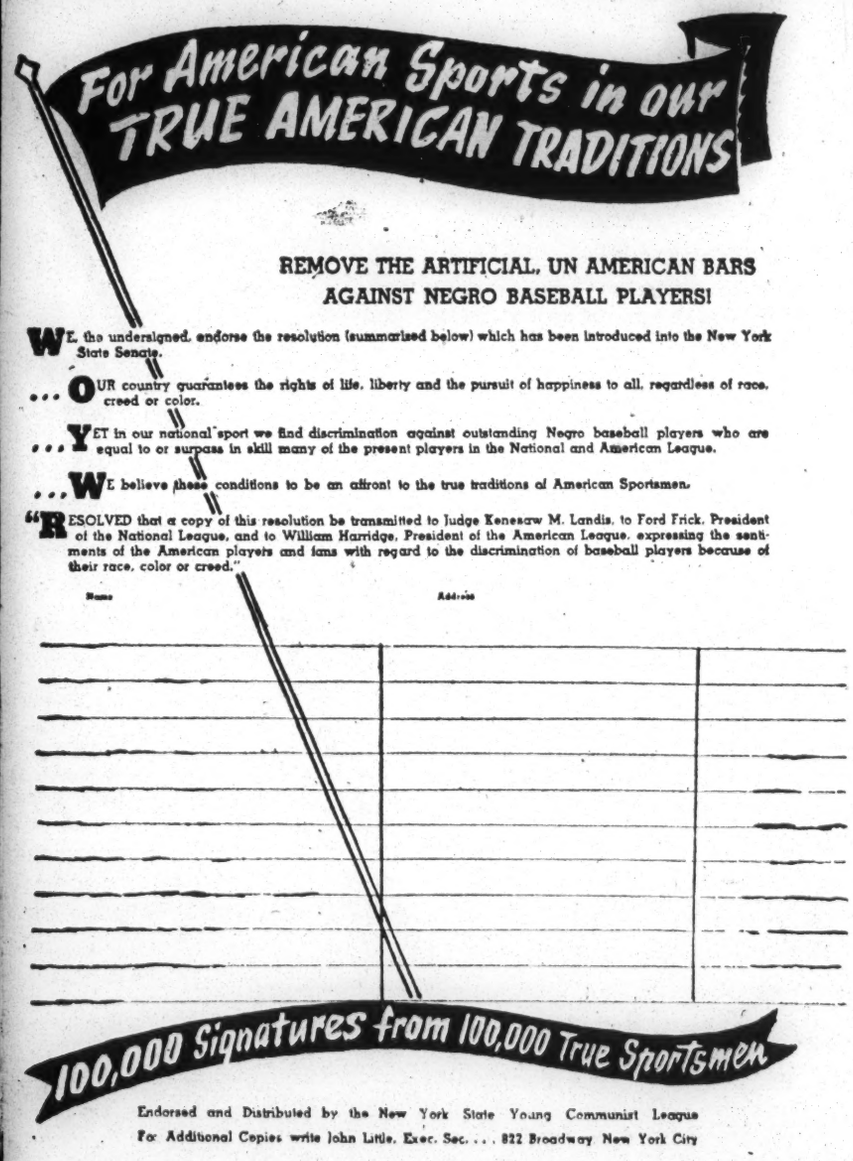
Armstrong defended his heavier crown against Ernie Roderick in London on May 25, but in so doing, fractured the digit. After beating Roderick, Armstrong and his party visited Paris, and there had a bone condition in his right hand corrected. The injured thumb will need another three weeks to mend properly. On the fighter's soundness depends his clash with Lou Ambers, against whom he will defend his lightweight title in this city on Aug. 9.

Referring to his trip abroad, Armstrong had nothing but praise for his English rival and his English hosts. He said that Roderick was capable enough to give most of our welterweights considerable trouble. The double-champion explained the small crowd of only 5,000 that saw him battle Roderick by pointing out that the scale of prices ranged from $3.50 to $52.

Mead stated that boxing was thriving in England, and that a fight between Joe Louis and the winner of the forthcoming Tommy Far-Len Harvey clash should draw a gate of $700,000.

Armstrong and his wife plan to witness the fight between Al Davis and Eddie Brink at Madison Square Garden on Thursday night before going to their home in Los Angeles. The champion will return to New York in about three weeks, to have his injury attended to, and to complete arrangements for the Ambers bout.

Young Communists Open Fight on Baseball Jim-Crow


For American Sports in our TRUE AMERICAN TRADITIONS
REMOVE THE ARTIFICIAL, UN AMERICAN BARS AGAINST NEGRO BASEBALL PLAYERS!
WE, the undersigned, endorse the resolution (summarized below) which has been introduced into the New York State Senate.
...OUR country guarantees the rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness to all, regardless of race, creed or color.
...YET in our national sport we find discrimination against outstanding Negro baseball players who are equal to or surpass in skill many of the present players in the National and American League.
...WE believe these conditions to be an affront to the true traditions of American Sportsmen.
"RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Judge Kenesaw M. Landis, to Ford Frick, President of the National League, and to William Harridge, President of the American League, expressing the sentiments of the American players and fans with regard to the discrimination of baseball players because of their race, color or creed."
Name
Address
100,000 Signatures from 100,000 True Sportsmen
Endorsed and Distributed by the New York State Young Communist League
For Additional Copies write John Little, Exec. Sec. . . . 832 Broadway New York City

Here's the petition which Young Communist League members are striving to get 100,000 signatures on, in the fight against baseball jim crow.

Urging that the last remnants of un-Americansm be removed from our national pastime, the Young Communist League yesterday opened a campaign, which will last through the summer, to end baseball Jim-Crow.

The league has set itself a goal of 100,000 signatures for its petition, urging Commissioner Judge Landis, William Harridge, president of the American League and Ford Frick, president of the National League to remove the unwritten bars which prevent Negro players from entering the ranks of organized baseball.

The Daily Worker was the first metropolitan newspaper to take up this fight against Jim Crow and now every paper in the city has attacked this evil. Particularly today the Yankees have such a stranglehold on young player material, the need for a new and **fresh source of recruits needed. And** among the Negro people, who have given the sports world such standouts as Joe Louis, Henry Armstrong, Paul Robeson, Brud Holland and countless others, there are many topnotchers who could play big league ball if given the chance. Walter Johnson, Joe DiMaggio, Dizzy Dean and other big league stars, past and present, have stated that many of the Negro boys, now playing semi-pro ball, are better than some of these up there now.

With baseball, everybody's game and the only really American sport known, now celebrating its 100th year, the Y.C.L. is going after those 100,000 signatures to break down those stupid barriers and make the game truly representative of the **American people.**

Louis, Armstrong Get Ring Honors

By Stan Kurman

Today's a big day for Joe Louis and Henry Armstrong. For the boxing world, recognizing that the two Negro champs will go down in the books as all-time greats, will honor Joe and Henry at Dr. Bier's training camp in Pompton Lakes where the heavy king is prepping for his title defense against Tony Galento at the Yankee Stadium June 28.

Double-champ Henry had planned to go back home to California early this week, but postponed the trip when he heard of the surprise festivities at the Louis camp.

Joe will be presented with a gold and silver medal voted him by the nation's boxing writers for having turned in the outstanding fistic feat of 1938—his one-round kayo of Nazi Maxie Schmeling. Nat Fleischer, editor of "Ring Magazine" will make the award.

Then Fleischer will present little Henry with two belts, one emblematic of the welter championship and the other for his unprecedented for his feat of capturing and holding three world tites at the same time. Whirlwind Henry gave up his feather crown last September but he still holds the lightweight and welterweight titles and has turned back one tough challenger after another in both divisions, his last successful defense being a smashing win over welter contender Ernie Roderick in England.

The presentation will be early in the afternoon and Henry will hang around after to watch Joe go through his paces for Two-Ton Tony.

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May 12, 1939

Thirteenth Annual Running Of National Event Scheduled

Feature Attraction Is 100-Yard Dash With Full Field Of Men's And Women's Events Carded

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, ALA. May 11.—Everything is in readiness for the 13th annual running of the Tuskegee Relay Carnival which will be held in the Alumni Bowl beginning at 1 o'clock Saturday, May 13, Institute athletic officials announced today.

Standing out as one of the feature attractions of the numerous track and field events is the classic Clarence Matthews Memorial 100-yard dash. Mozell Ellerbe, 1938 Drake relay champion, the N. C. A. A. champion, the 1939 Kansas and Penn relays champion, is the favorite to win the century. He will, however, be pushed by Hicks of Xavier, Holmes of Florida, and Ealey of Tilloston, who have established excellent records in their respective sectors. The century will come midway the afternoon program and will furnish a thrilling spectacle as these four aces in this collegiate event dash toward the tape. Hicks, Holmes, or Ealey may furnish the upset of the afternoon program.

In the relays the teams from Prairie View, State Teachers College, Morehouse College, Wiley College and Xavier University are expected to show excellent form. The Tuskegee quartet with Fretwell, Ellerbe, Slade and Sams may surprise the spectators with the unusual in performances.

Members of this team have shown steady improvement in the meets in which they have participated this season. The teams from Prairie View and Morehouse have performed brilliantly in previous starts and come to the Tuskegee attraction rating high in physical fitness and endurance.

The Moton Mile will attract more than a dozen of the best milers in this country. Upshaw Sams, of Tuskegee, is regarded as a good miler and he may emerge the winner of this event. He will have plenty of stiff competition.

In the pole vault Scisco, of Tuskegee, and Farmer, of Xavier, are expected to stage a great battle. Farmer vaults 13 feet consistently, but he will have to better this mark if he expects to dispose of Scisco for first place.

Lilburn Williams, of Xavier, will have little opposition in the shot put. His 51-foot mark stands as a Tuskegee record and no one has been able to crack this mark thus far this season.

The Frank A. Young trophy, given for the one-mile relay, is one of the most coveted prizes on the program. This trophy becomes the property of the school winning it for one year. At the end of 25 years this trophy will be retired and will become the property of Tuskegee Institute.

The Atlanta Constitution is offering through Hugh Trotti, vice president, a 30-inch loving cup to be awarded to the winning team in the mile relay. This cup will be retired from competition if and when a school wins it for the fifth time. It is expected that Mr. Trotti will come to Tuskegee and personally present the trophy to the winning team.

The 11th annual junior and senior women's track and field championships will start at 9 o'clock Friday morning with preliminaries in the Alumni Bowl. Prairie View, Florida, State Teachers College and Tuskegee Institute have entered a fine array of feminine talent. While it is expected that Tuskegee will dominate in the senior women's events. Peggy Palmer, one of the best girl athletes developed in the Ohio Valley, is expected to furnish Lula Hymes, Tuskegee's No. 1 athlete of her sex, the stiffest opposition that she has had this season. This girl from the Ohio Valley throws the baseball and the javelin and has a good record in the hundred.

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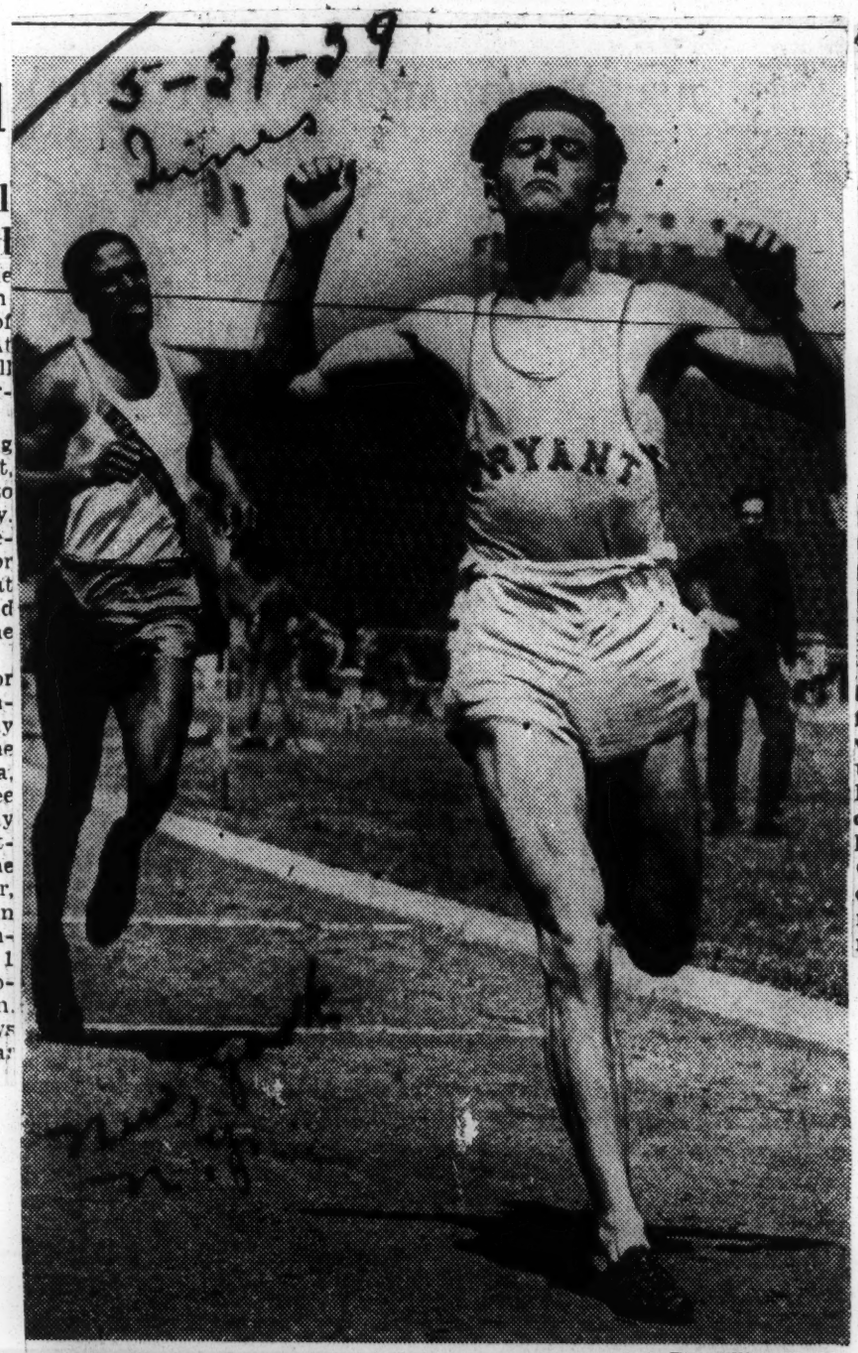

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FINISH OF THE 440 AT SCHOOL TITLE MEET

Gasparola, Bryant, beating McDowell, Stuyvesant, at Randalls Island

Admit 'Skeegee In Southeastern A.A.U.

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ED BARROW, PRESIDENT OF N. Y. YANKEES, DONATES TROPHY TO NEGRO NAT'L LEAGUE

NEW YORK, June 1—Cementing the closest tie between a major league baseball club and a Negro diamond setup, the New York Yankees announced their sanction of a Jacob Ruppert Memorial Cup tournament among Negro National League nines in ten doubleheaders at Yankee Stadium. The opening bill will be presented on Sunday, June 4th, at the Stadium, the New York Cuban Stars facing the Baltimore Elite Giants and the Philadelphia Stars tackling the Black Yankees of Harlem.

Edward G. Barrow, president of the Yankees, said the award of this trophy, which will be valued at $500, signalizes a new era of co-operation between the majors and the Negro National League. He said: "Negro baseball can build its own structure right alongside the majors." Given sufficient opportunity to show their ability the colored stars will undoubtedly attract thousands of fans and supporters who will help them in their fight to reach the pinnacle of organized baseball. All club owners in the Negro National League are enthusiastic in their commendation of Mr. Barrow. Pointing out that, for the first time, Negro baseball will have a chance to fully spread itself in the world's most famous park. Five twin bills will be spread throughout the summer and there is no doubt that many of the World's Fair visitors will take in some of the bills.

The Ruppert trophy, named after the late sportsman and owner of the Yankees who died last winter, will become the permanent trophy of the Negro National League and awarded each year to the championship club.

They Conjured 'Willie'

"Little Willie," Macon Peaches' diminuitive dark spot of the diamond (mascot and batboy deluxe), scratched his head rather mysteriously yesterday and said:

"They conjured me — that's what they did in Augusta."

And, folks, that's just what must have happened, too. For the little Negro told Roy Williams, president of the Macon Baseball club, that he didn't know how he returned to Macon Friday after being "suspended indefinitely" by Manager Milton Stock for breaking training rules.

In fact, he told the Peaches' prexy he did not know "I'd been suspended by Mr. Stock."

And it all begins to add up. Little Willie (whose last name, in case anyone wants to know, is Leonard) was victim of a "nervous breakdown" yesterday, according to Dr. A. M Phillips, physician for the local Sally league club.

LITTLE WILLIE

When Willie insisted to President Williams that "they conjured me Thursday and Friday," the Macon boss decided something certainly must be wrong. So that's how the doctor came into the picture.

President Williams says he expects the dark spot to be ready to go back to work in the Orchard this week, but he probably will miss Thursday's opener with the Tigers here.

And Willie's thankful it is here and not in the Tiger jungle that series is being played, too. For if there is anything he doesn't want anymore of, it's being "conjured" by the Augusta fans. —FE.

Tuskegee Units Get Membership In AAU Regional

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Cornell All-America End To Lincoln (Pa.)

OXFORD, Pa.—Jerome (Brud) Holland, All-American football star of Cornell University, last week was appointed assistant athletic coach at Lincoln University, with the stipulation that services begin in September.

Holland, who has been an outstanding end on the Cornell gridiron eleven for three years, and who twice gained All-American recognition, will stroll down the ivy-covered walk at the Ithaca institution sometime next week to receive his sheepskin.

Thereafter, he will begin directing his thoughts toward the work which will confront him at Lincoln next autumn.

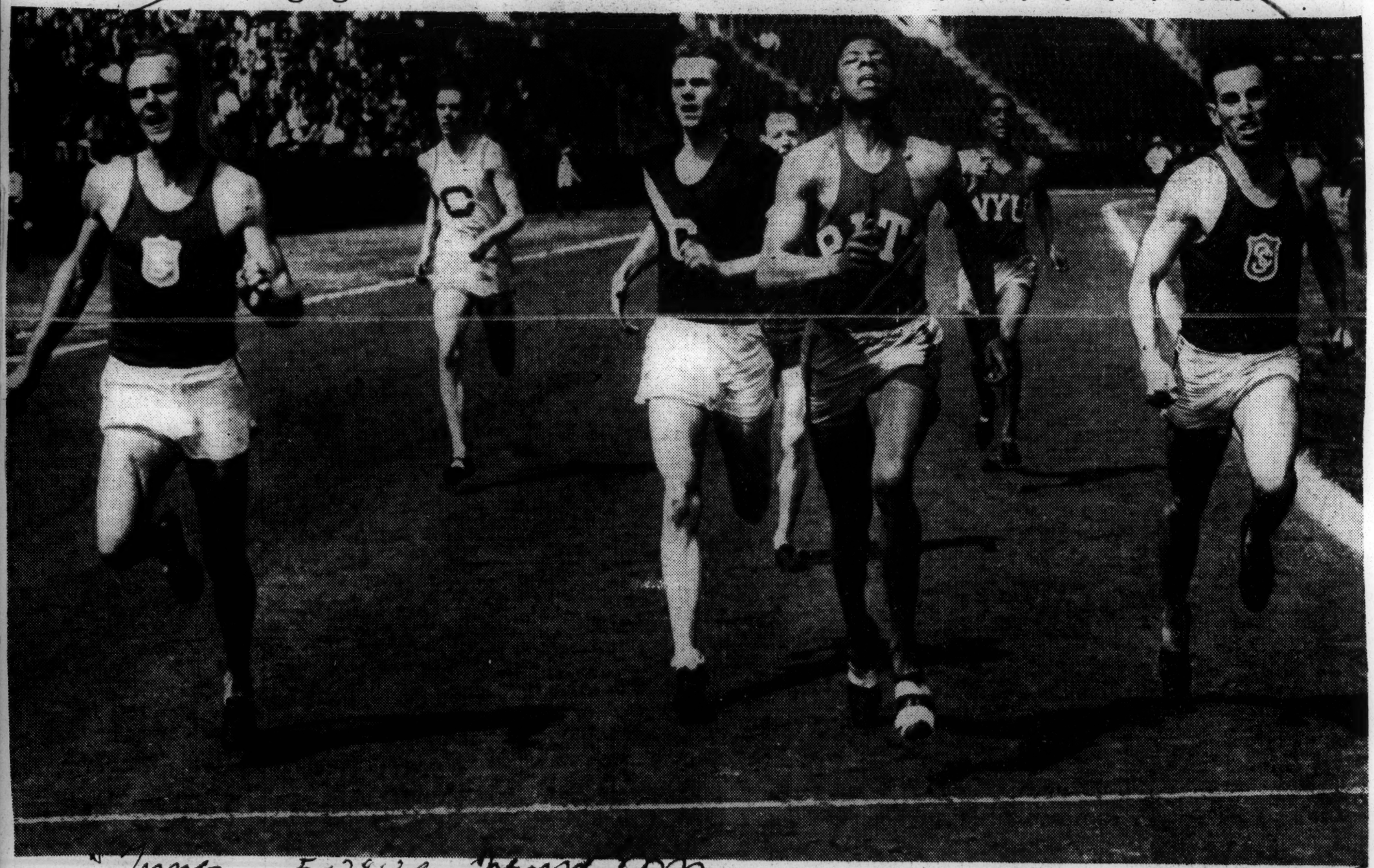
The signing of Holland, made public early this week by Coach Manuel Rivero, head of Lincoln's physical educational department and chief grid mentor, climaxed negotiations which had been underway since the Big Red flankman ended his career in a blaze of glory on Franklin Field against the U. of Pennsylvania eleven last Thanksgiving Day.

In addition to his duties as assistant coach in all sports, Holland will serve as part time instructor in sociology and education.

At the same time, the Lincoln board of trustees appointed Jasper Turner and Theodore Still, former Lincoln athletes, as assistant athletic coaches.

Turner will help Rivero with the coaching of the boxing and wrestling and football squads, while Still, who was a crack Lion quarter-miler in his hey-days and recently has been serving as athletic publicity director, will assist with the cinderpath team.

Pitt Ace Forging the First Link of His Third Successive I. C. A. A. A. A. Double



Woodruff (second from right) beating Upton, U. S. C., who finished second; Watts, California, fourth, and Miller, U. S. C., third, in the 440, equaling meet record of 0:47

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WOODRUFF IS STAR

He Anchors Pitt in 880 and Mile Victories—Both Set Records

N. Y. U. CAPTURES 2-MILE

North Texas and Virginia Win —30,000 See Seven Meet Standards Shattered

By ARTHUR J. DALEY

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

PHILADELPHIA, April 29.—The space-eating stride of Ol' John Woodruff devoured stretches of Franklin Field cinders at a prodigious rate before 30,000 awed spectators today, and Pittsburgh made Penn Relay history.

With the Olympic 800-meter champion ripping off a sizzling 220-yard leg, the Panthers won the 880-yard sprint championship and smashed the carnival record. Then, just as the sun broke through a barrier of clouds at the very end of the program, Ol' John nonchalantly strode through an 0:47.4 quarter to give Pitt the classic mile crown in the magnificent time of 3:14.8.

This was the forty-fifth Penn Relay extravaganza and in almost half a century here no college team ever has run a mile as fast as the Pittsburghers did today. Furthermore, they not only established new marks in both of their triumphs today but they shattered all precedent by winning four of the eight major championships in the two-day meet, a position of dominance never attained before in this ancient show.

Three Schoolboy Records

Yet for all of their brilliance the Panthers could not quite steal all the spotlight—although they came close to it—because the record harvest was a bumper crop. Seven marks fell today and one was equaled—two being credited to Pitt, three to schoolboys, two to colleges in minor races and one to an individual.

Still, the one indelible picture that the spectators took away with them was of the lean 6-foot 4-inch Negro with the nine-and-a-half-foot stride gliding over the black cinders with such grace that he scarcely seemed to be trying.

Woodruff really gave the fans a thrill on his anchor leg of the mile relay. He was touched off fifteen yards ahead of Warren Breidenbach of Michigan, which is akin to donating a dollar to the Federal Treasury. In spite of that the Wolverine climbed up Ol' John's back in the far straightaway and for a moment it looked like a race.

The Mid-Westerner cut the fifteen yards to five. Then the self-styled Ol' John stopped fooling. Like a cat with a mouse he let Breidenbach stay there until the homestretch was reached before putting on the pressure. There was no stress and no strain, just a terrific speeding up.

N. Y. U. Team Is Third

The Wolverine was anchored to the track as Woodruff regained his full fifteen-yard lead at the wire. Michigan, naturally enough, was second in 3:16.4 and N. Y. U., chiefly through a fine anchor leg by Jim Herbett, third, with Princeton and Fordham well behind.

Pitt's 3:14.8 erased from the books the 3:15.4 that Penn's wonder four of Horace Steel, Jake Edwards, Jimmy Healey and Bill Carr posted seven years ago. And the man who was almost equally responsible with Woodruff for the damage was Frank Ohl, the Panther workhorse.

Ohl ran on all four of the Pitt winning quartets. Woodruff was on three, as were Al Ferrara and Larry Tregoning. Art Thomas was on two and Clyde Graf on one. The order for the mile today was Ohl, 0:49; Ferrara, 0:49; Graf, 0:49.4, and Woodruff, 0:47.4.

It was Ohl as the lead-off man who broke up the race. He got away on top of the field of eight as N. Y. U. and Fordham, two chief contenders, were buffeted in the scramble. He gave Ferrara a 12-yard advantage over Michigan and there it stayed until Ol' John received fifteen. That was at least fifteen yards more than he needed.

Cornell Cracks Record

The Pitt miracle workers started their operations in the morning when the 880-yard preliminaries and final were held. The first heat saw the Cornellians serve warning on the Panthers that they were dangerous by shattering the carnival record of 1:26.6 with a 1:26.5 performance.

The Pitt boys breezed through a 1:27.1 heat and then really fired away in the big test. Ohl, Ferrara, Tregoning and Woodruff rode out in front all the way.

Ol' John, a half-miler who does about everything except collect tickets at the gate, ripped off a dazzling 220-yard leg. He started two yards ahead of his pursuers and finished four yards in front as the Panthers were clocked in 1:25.8 for a new meet record. Some day some one is going to make the giant Negro hustle, but no one has done it on cinders so far.

Cornell was second and New York University third, with Villanova bringing up the rear. John Nevius of the Ithacans came whirling up from third place to wrest runner-up honors away from Harold Bogrow of New York.

The Rideout twins, one hale and hearty and the other limping as the result of a spike wound yesterday that required three stitches, broke the four-mile relay race into neat little pieces to win in 17:25.9, the second fastest time in the history of the meet. It had been feared for a while that North Texas State would be forced to default but Wayne staggered through a 4:16.2 mile leg to settle the issue early.

At the Forty-fifth Annual Penn Relays Yesterday

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Woodruff, Pitt, beating Nevius, Cornell, and Bogrow, N. Y. U., in half-mile relay in record time of 1:25.9

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Close Competition for Titles Predicted in Penn Games

3,000 TO COMPETE IN RELAY CARNIVAL

Fordham Will Try for Laurels in Sprint Medley, Mile and Two-Mile Tests at Penn

PITT AND N. Y. U. STRONG

Manhattan Also Rated Threat —Two-Day Program to Open Friday With 28 Events

The swift-moving and ever colorful Penn relay carnival, the forty-fifth in the series, will be staged at Franklin Field, Philadelphia, on Friday and Saturday with some 3,000 athletes from 500 colleges and schools scheduled to compete in a show that is annually a high spot of the outdoor season.

Back in 1895 the first relay race ever run in America was conducted at Penn and from that small beginning arose the vast spectacle that is the Penn relays. That test was at one mile, and again this week-end a one-mile affair is expected to steal the spotlight.

The reason is the Fordham University quartet that set a world indoor record in a special try at Dartmouth last Winter. The Rams will be slight favorites to win from a closely matched field that will include N. Y. U., Pitt, Ohio State, Indiana, Michigan, Holy Cross and Manhattan, among others. The expectation is that, regardless of who wins, the carnival record of 3:15.4 will go overboard. The Rams did 3:15.2 at Hanover.

Fordham will shoot for three titles in spite of the fact that in forty-five years it has never won a single crown. In addition to the mile, the Maroon will go after the sprint medley and the two-mile honors, with a chance of hitting all three.

STARS WHO WILL BE SEEN ON COMING WEEK-END AT ANNUAL PENN RELAY CARNIVAL IN PHILADELPHIA

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Wilbur Greer of Michigan State passing the baton to Mozel Ellerbe of Tuskegee when they ran on U. S. team in Europe last Summer. At the relays they will race against each other.

Pitt Relies on Woodruff

Rated as the chief obstacle is Pittsburgh, which will be anchored by that running marvel, Ol' John Woodruff, the Olympic 800-meter champion. A year ago the gangling Negro ran an anchor 220-yard leg to give the Panthers the 880 laurels, an anchor 440-yard leg to give them the one-mile, and an anchor 880-yard leg to give them the sprint medley.

Woodruff will be carrying a heavy burden in all three races, since Fordham apparently has better balance than Pitt. Wesley Wallace, Frank Slater, George Leary and Ralph St. Pierre will go after the one-mile championship, and Wallace, handling the 440; St. Pierre and Al Glen, handling the two 220s, and Slater, handling the anchor 880, will be the Ram nominations in the sprint medley. Usually the anchor leg decides.

In both these races N. Y. U. will be exceptionally strong, since Jim Herbert seems to be back in the form he lacked indoors. Ohio State beat Fordham in the mile relay feature at the Millrose meet and Harley Howells and company certainly should be more than an empty threat.

The distance medley and the four-mile relay will see North Texas State and the famous Rideout twins favored to win. Indiana, with Mel Trutt as anchor man, and Michigan with Ralph Schwartzkopf, figure to push the twins, but two great milers are always better than one, and that may swing the issue in the direction of the Texans.

North Texas Cubs Fast

North Texas also will have the leading contender for the freshman mile crown. John Jackson, a freshman at Fordham a year ago, and Ed Rogers, ex-De La Salle luminary, are the two aces of a team that was caught in 3:19 at the Texas relays. They seem too strong for any one else.

The shuttle hurdles relay will see Virginia defending against a Yale team that appears to be formidable. Ted Day and Jay Shields are two crack Eli timber-toppers, while Virginia has only one standout performer in Frank Fuller.

In the two-mile relay Fordham, Manhattan and N. Y. U. look best, while the two sprint relays at 440 and 880 yards are wide-open races, as they always are. Without sufficient competitive background available to rate the teams, it is difficult to forecast who will come through.

The individual events have drawn brilliant entries, with six competitors attempting to repeat their victories of a year ago. They are Bill Watson of Michigan in the broad jump, Frank Ryan of Columbia in the shot-put, Bill Faymonville of Notre Dame in the discus, Don Kinzle of Duke in the 120-yard high hurdles, Nick Vukmanic of Penn State in the javelin and Dick Ganslen of Columbia in the pole vault.

Two Specials on Card

There will be two special races on the seventy-six event program that will attract considerable interest, the 100-yard dash and the high hurdles. The century will bring together Mozel Ellerbee of Tuskegee, the N. C. A. A. champion; Wilbur Greer of Michigan State, who did 0:09.5 in the Texas relays, and other fliers of note.

The hurdles will draw the entries of Kinzle, the Southern Conference titleholder; Elmer Gedeon of Michigan, the Big Ten winner, and Shields, the I. C. 4-A. king.

The entire program is as well rounded as in the past. The schedule calls for twenty-eight events on Friday, starting at 2 P. M. and finishing at 5:35. Saturday's show will begin at 10 A. M., resume at 12:20, and finish at 5 P. M.

Hotel Waiters Formed Team In1885 To Beat Guests --- Thus Colored Baseball Had Its Beginning As Major Sport

NEW YORK, Apr.—(By John H. Thompson for ANP)—Many cities have made claims that they have been the birthplace of organized colored professional baseball, but search of records prove conclusively that Babylon, Long Island, one hour's ride from New York City, was where pro baseball really got its start.

In 1885, Frank P. Thompson, head waiter in the Argyle hotel in that city, selected a team of waiters who played against white guests of the hotel. In a series of 9 games, they won 6, lost 2 and tied 1. These games were played against New York and local white teams.

Success of the team caused players to organize into a professional unit, and they scheduled games throughout the East. Their first out-of-town games were played in Philadelphia, where they met and defeated the strong Orions, another colored outfit, organized after the Babylon team.

Securing a white manager, John F. Lang, the team, known as the Cuban Giants, played and defeated some of the best teams in the East, regardless of color. They became champs in the Eastern league. With Walter Cook, a local capitalist, as their backer, they secured the finest equipment and built a park. S. K. McGovern, colored, was selected as the manager, and under him players developed into as fine a baseball outfit as any then playing.

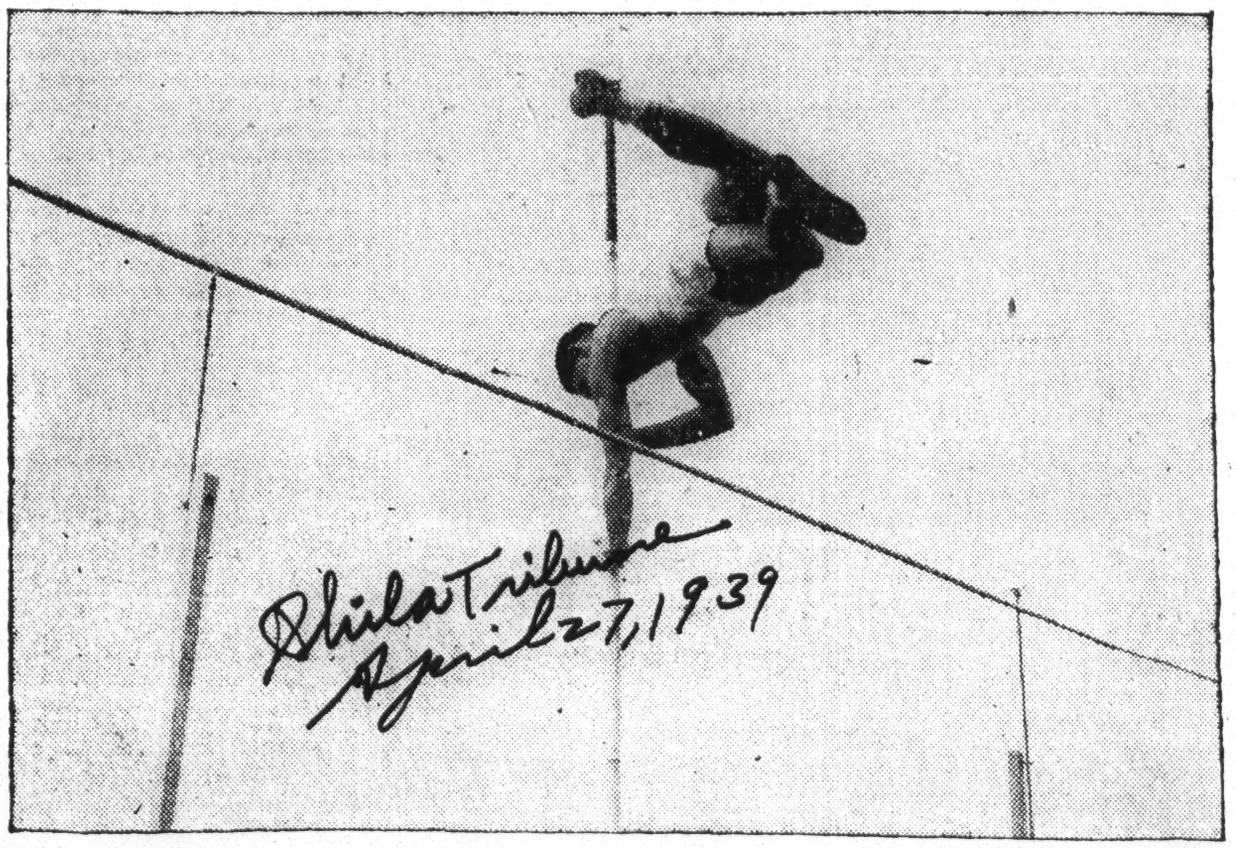
Players were paid acording to their positions in the line-up; pitchers and catchers were paid $18 per week; infielders received $15; outfielders, $12.

In 1887 a league of colored baseball players was organized with teams in Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Pittsburgh and Louisville. During the first year of the league, the Cuban Giants were the best in the land, defeating all teams and winning the pennant.

In 1888 a national baseball tournament was held in New York, and the Cuban Giants won the silver ball awarded as a prize. The Pittsburgh Keystones, N. Y. Gorhams, Norfolk Red Stockings finished in the order named.

In 1890 the Gorhams became the strongest team in the country by virtue of buying up all the best players in the East. They played over 100 games, losing but four. They had a consecutive winning streak of 39 games, a world record at that time.

Negro baseball players during this period and during the early 1900's were recognized as the best in the land. They played on and against white teams, and there were few, if any, difficulties which arose. White fans had their colored baseball idols and cheered them as rabidly as they now do Di Maggio. Will we see a return of this heyday of colored baseball players?



Neil Williams of Lincoln (Mo.) University goes over the pole vault bar to take second place in a recent dual meet staged with Butler University (white) of Indianapolis. The meet was staged at Lincoln.

Ellerbe Preps for Coast Nationals

TUSKEGEE, Ala. — Mozel Ellerbe, Kansas, Penn and N.C. A.A., sprint champion, who severely pulled a tendon in his left leg in winning the 100-yard run in the Tuskegee Relays in 9.6 seconds, is rapidly rounding into condition.

Coach William O'Shields believes that Ellerbe will be in condition to take part in the National championships which will be held in the Coliseum in Los Angeles, Calif., June 16 and 17. Ellerbe expects to leave for California early in June. He will be accompanied to the coast by Track Coach William O'Shields.

If Ellerbe is successful on the coast he will enter the National A.A.U., track and field championships at Lincoln, Nebr., July 3 and 4.

ON THE SCOREBOARD

By Lester Rodney

A Chat With Del Baker, Detroit Tigers' Manager

Del Baker, manager of the Detroit Tigers, answered the big question quickly.

"We have to play the way they lay down the rules for us. Nothing I say about admitting Negro players into the league would change the situation. I'm a manager and that's something that's not up to us. When the men that make those rules change it, that's OK with me." Daily Worker

We were chatting in Del's hotel room before he left for the Stadium to cross bats with the Yanks again. I told him about the favorable statements of several other managers, with only Terry saying Negro stars would "never get in," and that he was in favor of them staying in their own league. 8-4-39

"Terry should never have said that," Baker said. "That was foolish.

"I don't think I'm quite smart enough to figure all the angles in this question," he continued. "Yes, I know about Paige and others playing great ball against big leaguers out on the Coast . . . and it's supposed to be America's National Pastime all right, isn't it?

"I'll just say again that it's not up to us managers and we play according to the rules laid down for us."

That was all Baker would say on the question for publication. But it was enough to put him on the growing list of those managers who affirm their willingness to use Negro stars when the ban is lifted by the club owners. Bill Terry to date is the only big league manager who has lived up to the Jim Crow argument that "managers and players don't want Negroes on the teams." And Bilious Bill hardly constitutes a majority, any way you look at him.

Baker had some interesting things to say about his club, which has perked up of late, taking two out of three from the Yanks in the brief stay here.

"Greenberg looks right again. He's stopped lunging at the ball unnaturally . . . that home run consciousness had him for a while . . . but he's a smart boy and was bound to snap out of it . . . good pair of outfielders in McCoskey and Cullenbine for next year . . . Petey Fox OK too . . . if he had arm would have been great ball players. . . . Hutchinson? . . . watch him come now . . . he's over that publicity scare and he's quietly developing into a good pitcher. . . . Rowe? . . . the Schoolboy looks good now . . . you can definitely say his arm is regaining all its old strength . . . young McCoy may stick . . . he looks like a comer . . . we have pretty fair young nucleus for next year . . . young Trout will beat other teams besides the Yanks."

Del thought that the Cincinnati Reds would give the Yanks the toughest World's Series seen for the last four years, and might beat them. "The Yanks are a great ball club, but they can be taken. And McKechnie's got a real club over there. Pitching, hitting and speed. It'll be a real series. They're not going to walk through Derringer and Walters the way they did the Chicago pitching."

How did Joe DiMaggio look to Del these days?

"One of the greatest ball players of all times. Why if he didn't hit at all they'd have to rate him with the greatest outfielders of history—and there he is the best hitter too. When Tris Speaker talks about him not playing in close enough he's forgetting a few things. You know, when we played, the ball was different and you could play in. Tris could figure a weak hitter dropping one over the infield if he connected and played accordingly. But now you have a situation where the lightest hitter can belt one a mile, and does. Why the other day in Philadelphia Skeeter Newsome, the little shortstop, rode one a mile. He has no power in his swing, but there it went. You can't play in too close these days. And don't forget two other things. Joe is playing behind a pair that can move back like nobody's business for the short flies, and he comes in to take plenty off his shoetops if you'll notice . . . well, he's on the other side and we're going out there to try to beat them today again . . . but you can't beat the Yanks all the time."

Prophetic words. The Yankees bumped them off 12-2, and DiMaggio hit a pair of homers. There's still a lot of good ball players needed to strengthen the other American League teams up to the Yankee standard. And the managers have a pretty good working idea of where some of these players can be found.

Enter National Net Tourney

MARGARET PETERS, left; ROUMANIA PETERS, right, students at Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, National Doubles Tennis champions, who will take part in the twenty-third National Tennis championships which will be held at Hampton Institute, Hampton, Virginia, August 14 to 19, inclusive. These young women are exponents of the driving game now, their style of play having been completely changed by the Tuskegee coaches; however, they will have to wade through the stiffest sort of opposition at Hampton in order to retain their title.

Tuskegee Women to Defend Championships This Month

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala.—Members of Tuskegee's world famous women's track and field team have been working out daily in the Alumni bowl getting in condition to go to Waterbury, Conn., late in August where they will defend their National A.A.U., senior women's track and field championships the first week in September which they have won for the last two years.

The Tuskegee thinly clad lassies first won the national title at Trenton, N. J., in 1937, and repeated at Naugatuck, Conn., last year.

In this meet Lula Hymes, Tuskegee's greatest feminine star, copped major honors in the championships. She won the broad jump for the second consecutive year, captured the 100 meter dash, dethroning Clara Isicson, of Long Island university, and ran the anchor leg on the 400 meter championship relay team.

She was voted the outstanding individual athlete of the meet and received a beautiful loving cup, symbolic of the honor, from the Connecticut A.A.U. authorities.

The nearest approach to Miss Hymes in the meet was the record by Miss Catherine Fellmeth, representing Dvorak Park Athletic club who was spectacular as she annexed the shot put and discus events.

They Seem Pleased to Meet Again

Lou Ambers (left) and Henry Armstrong, who meet Tuesday night in a lightweight title bout in Yankee stadium, appear pleased at the prospect of another meeting. Armstrong took Ambers' title away from him last year in a sizzling battle. Prospects are for another of the same sort Tuesday night. If Ambers wins he is to get a shot at Armstrong's welter title Nov. 1. [Associated Press Wirephoto.]

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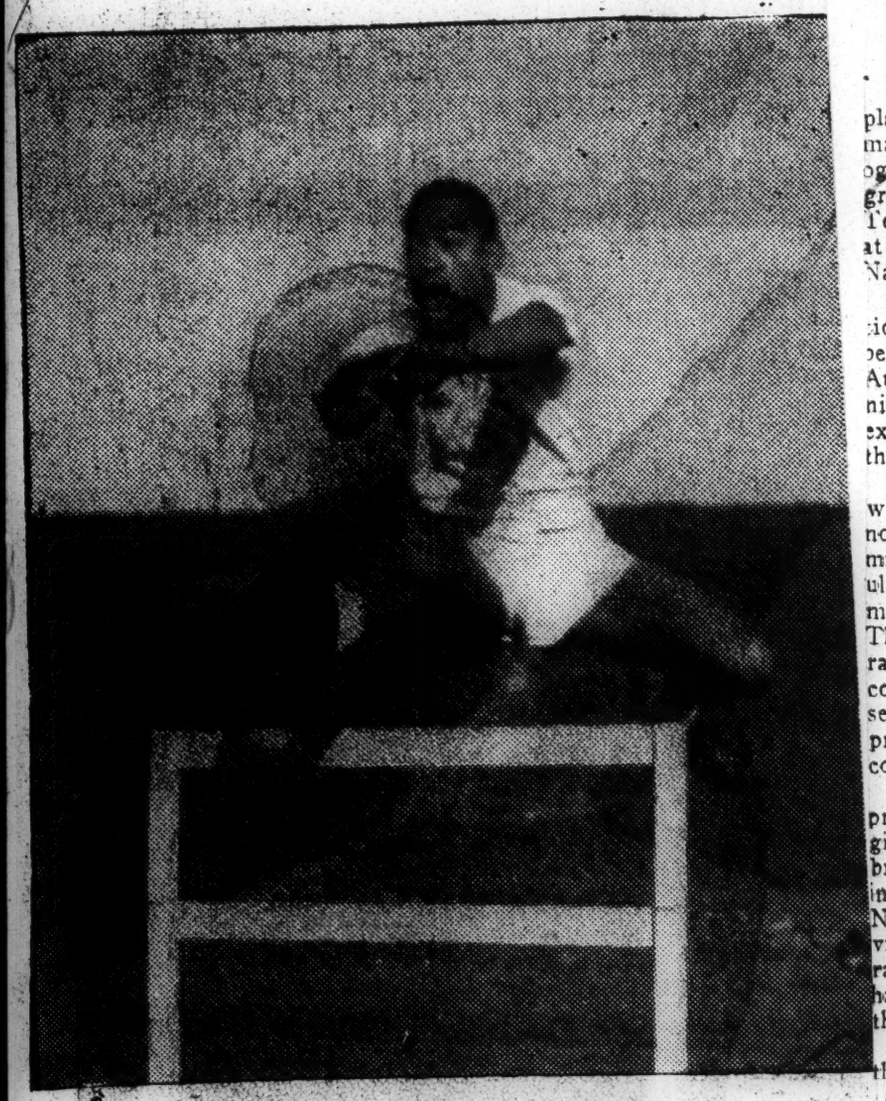
Tall, Tan Timber-Topper



GEORGE (BUBBER) MITCHELL

—high scoring wizard of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, who won the 440-yard run and running broad jump, placed second in both the 120-yard high and 220-yard low hurdles, and ran anchor on Morehouse's winning mile relay quartet to tally 17½ points for his college.

In a recent triangular meet at Tuskegee, with Alabama State also competing, Mitchell scored 16 points. Thus, in two meets to date, he has been good for 34 1-4 points.

American Tennis Assn. Announces Sanctioned Tournaments For 1939

Age 4-22-39

By JOSEPHH D. McGHEE

COLUMBIA, S. C. — Tennis playing by the Negro amateur makes a new bid for national recognition under a five-year program approved by the American Tennis Association last August at Lincoln University during the National Championships.

The twenty-second annual national championships which will be played at Hampton Institute, August 14—19, marks the beginning of the five-year plan that is expected to place in the spotlight the tennis playing of the Negro.

Ranking players of the A.T.A. will welcome a preliminary announcement of the Sanction Committee giving the tentative schedules of the leading open tournaments to be played this season. These tentative schedules were arranged by Dr. John McGriff who conferred with various state and sectional officials in an effort to prevent conflicting schedules in contiguous zones.

Tournaments played under the proposed tentative schedule will give players of championship calibre an opportunity to participate in several tournaments before the National Championships, and provide more convincing evidence to rating officials who heretofore have had increasing difficulty in their rating of players.

The National Championships of the American Tennis Association at Hampton, Virginia, August 14—19 is expected to attract a record attendance of players and vacationists. Visitors to the New York World's Fair as well as the Treasure Island Exposition, San Francisco, California, are making plans to include the championships at Hampton on their itinerary.

Entries at Hampton will surpass the record of last year at Lincoln University, according to present indications. Historic Hampton Institute will furnish a setting for the beginning of an experiment in tennis rivalry that promises more recognition for the Negro player.

The following dates have been tentativley proposed and sent to James Taylor, chairman of the Sanction Committee, who holds these dates for confirmation:

North Carolina last week in June

Florida, first week in July.

New England, first week in July

South Carolina, second week in July.

Southern, third week in July.

Western, N. Y. (Buffalo) third week in July.

Pennsylvania, fourth week in July.

New York State, first week in August.

Mid-western, second week in August.

New Jersey, second week in July

American Tennis Association Announces Ratings For 1938

Age 4-22-39

By ARTHUR P. CHIPPEY,
Secretary A. T. A.

RALEIGH, N. C. — The Ratings of the American Tennis Association for the year 1938 have just been released through the office of the Secretary of the Association. Serving on the Rating Committee with Miss Laura V. Junior, Philadelphia, Chairman, are: Dr. Andrew L. Jackson, Providence, R. I., E. Harold Hopper, East Orange, N. J., A. E. McDowell, New York City, and Dr. L. E. McCauley, Raleigh, N. C.

MEN'S SINGLES

1. Franklyn Jackson, Lynchburg, Va., Winner National Championship Tournament, Lincoln, Pa.; Semi-finalist North Carolina Open Tournament.

2. Eyre Saitch, New York, N. Y.; Finalist National Championship Tournament; Quarter-finalist New York Open Tournament; Quarter-finalist Buffalo Open Tournament.

3. Tommie Walker, Institute, W. Va.; Quarter-finalist National Championship Tournament; Winner Buffalo Open Tournament Finalist Mid-Western Sectional Open Tournament.

4. John Chandler, Fanwood, N. J.; Quarter-finalist National Championship Tournament; Winner New England Open Tournament; Quarter-finalist New York Open Tournament.

5. Harmon Fitch, Winston-Salem, N. C.; Round before Quarter-finalist National Championship Tournament; Winner New York Open Tournament.

6. Ernest McCampbell, Tuskegee, Ala. Round before Quarter-finalist National Championship Tournament; Winner North Carolina Open Tournament; Finalist New York Open Tournament.

7. Warren Weaver, Baltimore, Md.; Quarter-finalist National Championship Tournament; Finalist Ne wEngland Open Tournament; Semi-finalist New York Open Tournament; Semi-finalist Buffalo Open Tournament.

8. Theodo Cousins, Institute, W. Va.; Semi-finalist National Championship Tournament; Quarter-finalist Buffalo Open Tournament.

9. Nathaniel Jackson, Roanoke, Va.; Semi-finalist National Championship Tournament.

10. Christopher Hunt, Raleigh, N. C.; Quarter-finalist National Championship Tournament; Finalist New England Open Tournament.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

1. Mrs. Flora Lomax, Detroit, Mich.; Winner National Championship Tournament, Lincoln, Pa.; Winner New York Open Tournament; Winner Buffalo Open Tournament.

2. Miss Margaret Peters, Tuskegee, Ala.; Finalist National Championship Tournament.

3. Mrs. Jean Strode, Cleveland, O.; Semi-finalist National Championship Tournament; Quarter-finalist New York Open Tournament.

4. Miss Lillian Burch, Detroit, Mich.; Semi-finalist National Championship Tournament; Semi-finalist Buffalo Open Tournament; Quarter,finalist New York Open Tournament.

5. Miss Roumania Peters, Tuskegee, Ala.; Quarter-finalist National Open Championship Tournament.

JUNIOR SINGLES

1. Johnson Wells, Buffalo, N. Y.
2. Robert Ryland, jr., Chicago, Ill.
3. Gerard Alleyne, Brooklyn, N. Y.
4. Robert L. Tresville, Philadelphia, Pa.
5. Marshall Arnold, Atlanta, Ga.
6. Robert Ashford, Columbia, S. C.
7. Clinton Mills, Durham, N. C.
8. F. Donald Ellis, Brooklyn, N. Y.
9. Edward Evans, Columbia, S. C.
10. Roland McDaniel, Richmond, Va.

GIRLS' SINGLES

1. Mayme Stanley, Brooklyn, N. Y.
2. Mae Hamlin, Raleigh, N. C.
3. Helen Hutchinson, Tuskegee, Ala.
4. Vivien Murphy, Buffalo, N. Y.
5. Kathryn Neal, Columbia, S. C.
6. Florence Hunt, Fort Valley, Ga.
7. Wilhelmina Waymer, Brooklyn, N. Y.
8. Julia Margaret Davis, Raleigh, N. C.
9. Mathilda Davis, Elizabeth N J.
10. Catherine Watson, Columbia S. C.

BOYS' SINGLES

1. Wendell Collins, Durham, N. C.
2. Raymond Jackson, Jr., Brooklyn, N. Y.
3. Isaac Gardner, Daytona Beach, Fla.
4. Louis Chippey, Raleigh, N. C.
5. Charles Lewis, Jr., Prairie View, Tex.

VETERANS' SINGLES

1. Fred Johnson, New York, N Y.
2. C. W. Furlonge, M.D., Smithfield, N. C.
3. Lawrence P. Hinton, Englewood, N. J.
4. Orris H. Hinton, Sr., Englewood, N. J.
5. L. E. Spooner, New York, N. Y.
6. Dr. R. B. Jackson, Atlanta, Ga.

MENS' DOUBLES

1. Nathaniel and Franklyn Jackson, Roanoke, Va.
2. Tommie Walker and Theodore Cousins, Institute, W. Va.
3. W. E. Jones and Warrer Weaver, Baltimore, Md.
4. Wm. E. Jackson and Johnsor Wells, Buffalo, N. Y.
5. Harmon Fitch, Winston Salem, N. C. and Ernest McCampbell, Tuskegee, Ala.
6. John Wood and Reginald Watts, Baltimore, Md.
7. John L. McGriff, Sr., D.D.S. and John L. McGriff, Jr., Portsmouth, Va.
8. Royal S. Weaver, Jr. and Albert B. Bishop, Philadelphia, Pa.
9. Howard Minnis and Hastings Russell, McIntosh, Ga.
10. George W. Cox, Jr. and Eugene Harrington, Durham, N. C.

WOMENS' DOUBLES

1. Misses Margaret and Roumania Peters, Tuskegee, Ala.
2. Miss Lillian Burch and Mrs. Flora Lomax, Detroit, Mich.
3. Mrs. Frances Gittens, Brooklyn, N. Y. and Miss Myrtle Beaver, New York, N. Y.
4. Mrs. Jean M. Stroude, Cleveland, O. and Miss Lula Ballard, Philadelphia, Pa.
5. Miss Ora Washington, Philadelphia, Pa. and Miss Anita Gant, Washington, D. C.

MIXED DOUBLES

1. Miss Lula Ballard, Philadelphia, Pa. and Gerald F. Norman, Flushing, N. Y.
2. Miss Kathryn Jones, Springfield, Mass. and W. E. Jones, Baltimore, Md.
3. Miss Ora Washington and Sylvester B. Smith, D.D.S., Philadelphia, Pa.
4. Miss Pauline McGuinn and Reginald Watts, Baltimore, Md.
5. Miss Anita Gant, Washington D. .C. and Wm. H. Hall, Louisville, Ky.
6. Mrs Agnes Lawson and Theodore R. Lawson, Prairie View, Tex.
7. Miss Geneva Terrence and Walter Strand, Durham, N. C.
8. Miss Blanche Winston, New York, N. Y. and John Wood, Baltimore, Md.
9. Miss A. Hodgson and Dismont, Somers Isle, Bermuda.
10. Miss O. Bethel and R. Gordon, Savannah, Ga.

HARVARD ADMITS FIRST NEGRO TO ADAMS HOUSE

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Lucien Victor Alexis, Jr., Louisiana, is the first Negro to be admitted to Harvard university's Adams House, exclusive dormitory. Above at left Alexis is seen taking it easy in one of the dormitories on Harvard campus while he tells a Courier staff man that he expects to go places in medicine. At right, as he appeared Saturday about to enter the LaCrosse game between Yale and Harvard freshmen.

Holmes, Ellerbe Vie In NCAA Meet Today

LOS ANGELES, June 16—It has taken world record time to win the 100 yard dash in four N.C.A.A. championships in the past and it will likely require record time to win it again this season when the big national intercollegiate championship meet is staged today and tomorrow in the coliseum here under the sponsorship of the University of Southern California.

Heading the field this year are: Clyde Jeffrey Standford's undefeated ace; Mozel Ellerbe, Tuskegee institute's star,, who is defending champion and also unbeaten in this season, and Norman Holmes of Florida A. and M. college.

Both Ellerbe and Jeffry have turned in times of :09 seconds on several occasions and when they hook up in the finals it is expected that the winner will be chased to the world's record or mark of 9.4 seconds that was equaled in past N. C. A. A. centuries by George Simpson of Ohio State in 1929, Frank Wykoff of Southern California in '30. Ralph Metcalf of Marquette in '33 and Jesse Owens ofof Ohio State in '36.

Jeffrey and Ellerbe will find plenty of competition in both showing 13 men who have done 9.6 seconds or better will be entered in the 100 and eight men who have done better than 21 flat are named for the 220.

Among other stars besides the Stanford, Florida and Tuskegee fliers expected in the 100 are Herb Weast of Columbia, I. C.4-A. champion; Wilbur Greer of Michigan State, Texas Relays champion; Tommy Nelson of Fresno State who has been defeated this season only by Jeffry; Fred Wolcott, the hurdle star from Rice Institute who is Southwest conference chanpion in the 100 Billy Brown of Louisiana State, Drake Relays champion and the "baby member" of the Olympic team in 1936, when he completed at the age of 16; Myron Piker of Northwestern, Big Ten champion; Norman Holmes of Florida A. and M., Southern conference and Central Collegiates champion and defeated this year only by Ellerbe; Curt Ledford of Washington State, conference Northern Division champion; Jim Pender of Cornell, Ivy league champ. Milo Maleusnich of Arizona, undefeated in three years of Border conference competition, and Mickey Anderson, Barney Willis and Payton Jordan of Southern California.

Bob Lewis of Ohio State undefeated in the 220 this season, Big Ten conference champion, and possessor of a best mark of 20.8 seconds, may prove the most dangerous competitor for Jeffrey, Ellerbe and Holmes in the furlong. Osborne Pickett of Prairie View College is slated for this event.

Other fliers at this distance include Vernon Akins of Kansas State Teachers, Central conference champion; Curt Ledford of Washington State, Pacific Coast conference northern division champ, and Kenneth Chapp of Brown, I. C. A. A. A. A. champion. Twenty three tentative entries in the furlong have run the distance in 21.4 seconds or better which should provide on of the fasest college fields ever assembled.

Last minute information is that John Woodruff, Olymic 800-meters and I. C. 4-A half and quarter-mile champion, will run in the meet, and that Bill Watson, Michigan's captain will compete.

What Happened To The Ballyhoo To Get Negro Ball Players In The Big Leagues

WASHINGTON, June — (ANP) — Whatever became of that mighty press boom for colored baseball players in the big leagues? Or is the question embarrassing to some of the higher-paid writers, sports and otherwise?

If memory plays no scurvy tricks, last year and the year before there was a militant campaign conducted by writers for powerful dailies. They magnified the defaults of mediocre players engaged by the leagues, not, of course, calling names—and then lauded the work of men like Satchell Paige and Josh Gibson.

But somewhere along the line something happened. Perhaps a little judicious pressure was brought to bear in the right spots.

The doings of colored athletes, once given plenty of space in certain columns, now confine themselves to such persons as Joe Louis, John Woodruff, John Borican, John Henry Lewis, Henry Armstrong—little, if any attention is paid other chaps unless they are attending some white college or similarly in the public eye.

Time was when the doings of rising youngsters were recorded—papers would send Negro writers to distant spots for special coverage of certain events,purely Negro by virtue of the competition.

Unfortunately, this condition has changed, and few opportunities are given writers, just as the death knell has been sounded on the boom for Negro players in the big leagues.

Jimmy Powers, writer and sports editor for the powerful Daily News of New York, was one of the first to take up the cudgel for colored players. Heywood Broun lent his facile typewriter towards the cause—but now, these militants have had little to say in recent days, and there is no sound on their favorite topics of yesteryear.

Some time ago, a former sports writer, released from the ties that bound him to certain types of writing, sent a letter to a fellow writer who had not been so fortunate. The gist of the letter was devoted to thanking the stars for his release from the hidebound rules of controlled journalism which made it impossible for the writer to speak his mind freely on matters relating to racial and religious issues and beliefs.

The recent agreement whereby the teams representing the Negro National league accepted a trophy donated by the New York Yankees' president in memory of the late owner of the team, Col. Jacob Ruppert, seems a sort of capitulation on the part of the Negro owners—who no doubt would also lose considerable if their stars were taken over by a major league team.

That the leagues need the color and ability Negroes would bring is a foregone conclusion. Here in Washington ardent fans, many hailing from the South, decry daily the poor team representing this city. There are those who vow this is the worst team in the history of baseball in Washington.

Yet the management brought up a gang of Cubans for tryouts ostensibly, it is said, to detract the attention of the public from the poor quality of the regular team, largely composed of Southern boys.

Not until it was impossible to do otherwise did the manager pitch the man who stood the Yankees on their heads and who is his leading pitcher, the tall swarthy Venezuelan, Alexander Carasquel. Unwilling was the management to give another swarthy Cubanola, Roberto Estellela, a chance in the outfield—and when he did, Roberto promptly began slugging the ball all over the lot for home runs, triples, doubles and the usual quota of singles.

Perhaps they are gradually working around to giving Negroes a chance, but it will be many a day before this miracle comes to pass, if present indications are to be seriously considered.

Tuskegee Host To Annual Open Tennis Tournament July 19-22

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TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala.—(SNS)—The 15th Annual Open Sectional Tennis Tournament will be held at Tuskegee Institute, July 19—22, 1939. The Championship events listed are: Men's Singles, Men's Doubles, Ladies' Singles, Ladies' Doubles, Mixed Doubles, Junior Singles, Girls' Singles and Boys' Singles.

Players who plan to enter the Southern Open Championships must be members of club which is a member of the American Tennis Association or members of an Association that is affiliated with the American Tennis Association.

Many outstanding players thruout the nation are planning to be present. Lloyd Scott, former National Singles Champion, of Prairie View State College, together with Mr. and Mrs. Ted Lawson and other players in charge of Charles Lewis are planning to be present. The Honorable T. Augustus Toote, member of the Executive Committee, American Tennis Association, former member of the House Assembly, Nassau, Bahamas, has notified the Tournament Committee that a delegation of the finest players from the "Pink Pearl of the Atlantic" will be present. George W. Ingram, Secretary of the Florida Tennis Association has planned to bring several of the outstanding players from Florida. From Georgia, E. E. Farley, Assistant to the A. and R. Officer, 24th U. S. Infantry has placed the Southern Open Tournament on the itinerary of the players from that regiment. Charles Penrose and Richard Collins are the number one and number two players. B. T. Harvey of Morehouse College, a great tennis fan and Director of Camp John Hope has assured the committee of his support and cooperation in putting over the tournament. Dr. E. G. Bowden of Atlanta, Georgia has written that he will be present along with several players from Atlanta. Mrs. Magnolia Childs, President of the Atlanta Ladies Tennis Club will be present with several players. Ernest McCampbell, former National Intercollegiate Champion and Williams Cup Winner is asking out daily at Tuskegee Institute along with Clifford Russell who formerly ranked in the first ten, and Howard Minnis, National Interscholastic Champion. The Peters sisters, Matilda and Margaret, National Women's Doubles Champions can be seen working out daily on the Championship courts at Tuskegee. Other players working daily here are Ruth White, former Southern Intercollegiate Champion; Isabel Campfield and Lotitia Woods, former Tuskegee Varsity players; J. B. Garrett, Dr. J. A. Kennedy, C. G. Bevans, E. W. Ramsey and Dr. F. D. Patterson, former Southern Open Doubles Champions, Mrs. C. L. Abbott, Mrs. Mae Brown, along with many others.

Several social affairs have been planned by the entertainment committee.

Tuskegee's fourteen all-clay courts, used for the National Championships in 1937 are being worked daily and are in the best of condition. Six of these courts are flanked by a covered grandstand which seats 15000 persons. All the courts are adjacent to Logan Gymnasium where ample shower and dressing space is available to all contestants without charge. There are six beautiful clay courts at the U. S. Veterans Facility, a short distance from the Institute which are in daily use and are kept in the best of condition. Dr. Eugene H. Dibble, the manager, has issued an invitation to the visiting players and their friends to use these at their pleasure. Tennis lovers and those who plan to take part in the tournament will have ample facilities to enjoy the game at Tuskegee if they so desire. Suitable prizes will be awarded to winners and runners-up.

John Henry Takes Count From Eye Specialist

Associated Press Photo

Light Heavyweight Champion John Henry Lewis is shown here as he sat down in Pittsburgh to undergo an eye examination which resulted in his title being declared vacant yesterday by the National Boxing Association. Dr. A. J. Guerinot, eye specialist, is looking at John Henry's eyes. His left eye was found beclouded by a cataract. He will not risk danger of total blindness but will quit the ring for a business career

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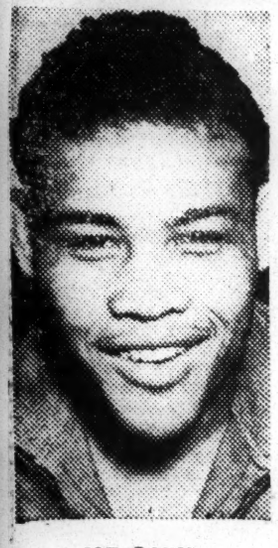
WHY I THINK LOUIS IS THE BEST

DETROIT, Sept. 22.—A man, if he is honest, can have only one opinion on a given subject—his own. Here are my reasons for thinking Joe Louis the greatest fist fighter I ever saw:



JOE LOUIS

He wins.

He wins fairly and convincingly.

He is content to stand on the record of his performances inside the ropes, never alibiing in defeat or boasting in victory. I cannot testify as to what he has, or hasn't said to others after his major fights. I remember quite distinctly and accurately what he has said to me. After Schmeling knocked him out, he said: *"He beat me fair."*

After he had annihilated Schmeling in almost a matter of seconds, he said: *"I had to win that one before I could feel I was a real champion."*

After Galento had knocked him down and he had knocked Galento out, he said: *"He hit me good."*

After Braddock had knocked him down and he had knocked Braddock out and they called him "champ," he said:

"My troubles is ovah for a little while. I know now I can get off the deck and win. But I don't want to be called 'Champ' until I beats that S'mellin'. That's the man I been waiting for ovah a long, sad year."

After he had knocked out game boy Bob Pastor here Wednesday night, he said:

"He hit me hard in the eighth. Everything went black for a second but I shook my head and I was all right. Man, he shoah is swift."

There, virtually verbatim, are the things Louis has said to me after these fights. They are not hearsay, they are not second hand. In them was always a kindly, pleasant word for the beaten foeman. A little boost for the other fellow trying to get along in the same business by which he has come from a lonely, teeth-chattering Negro boy, sitting on a pile of steel at the Ford plant, to riches and world-wide fame.

Come, it seems to me, as unchanged and simple and well behaving as it would be possible for any boy to come, lettered or unlettered, whatever his race or creed or background.

To Him Some Victories Are Defeats:

But here are more reasons why I am deeply convinced that I have not seen his equal, and that none of us in this generation is likely to.

He has been made the subject of such a high standard of perfection that for him some victories are defeats. No other fighter of my time ever has lost when he won. But Joe is ridiculed for winning a mere decision. He must be good. Any fighter who lasts ten rounds with him, by whatever means, becomes a sort of superman by the mere fact of finishing on his feet.

He has never struck a low blow, thumbed an opponent in the eye, butted him, hit him after the bell, clinched repeatedly, roughed, or been cautioned by a referee in the twenty fights in which I have watched him.

He has never turned his head to complain to a referee, though he has been hit after the bell, low, and backhand on occasion.

He does not talk, spit, grunt, do dance steps, indulge in pantomime for the benefit of the crowd, jump up and down, turn handsprings, or give any sign whatever either in victory or defeat.

He has no black list of possible opponents, tough gents that he does not wish to fight for one reason or another. As Dempsey, for example, never particularly "honed" for a fight with the clawing, crowding, roughing, annoying Harry Greb.

Joe fights tall ones, short ones, fat ones, big ones, little ones, barroom brawlers, wrestlers, slappers, runners, clutchers. He seems to cut down towering Carneras and squat Galentos with the same deadly effectiveness.

He seems to ask for no protection other than that he can give himself with his fists. With all due allowance for the changing times, it is well known that in the days of Dempsey and Willard and Dempsey and Tunney, the referee of every big fight was supposed to be the referee of one or the other of the principals.

Dempsey's candidate for referee at Chicago was Dave Miller. Tunney's was Dave Barry. If Louis has any candidate for anything, it must be Mr. Roosevelt, or Jack Garner, or Bob Taft, or Tom Dewey for President. Certainly he has never given any indication that he had a candidate for referee of one of his fights.

He has beaten five former world's champions. Call them setups if you like. They still wore the tall hat. Braddock, Carnera, Baer, Sharkey and Schmeling.

He is such a proved fair and decent fighter, Louis, that even the deepest dyed skeptics of the chewing gum ear industry laughed out loud at "Cigar Joie" Jacobs' ballyhoo charge before the Galento fight that he, Joe, had used a "gimmick" in his gloves. Everybody knew beyond question that his only "gimmick" was that he had "gimmick" his opponents something to remember him by.

Doc Casey, the old bald eagle who used to be chief second for Max Schmeling, crawled into the ring at Briggs Stadium Wednesday night with the gloves the gladiators were to use sealed in their original packages.

The appearance of Doc's bald knob inevitably reminded you of the Herr Max from Hamburg on the Elbe, and made you wonder where he was on that particular moonlit evening.

Would he, you wondered, like to be there, taking his jerky little formal bow before an American sports crowd, rather than "somewhere on the Western Front" in the field gray of Hitler's mechanized legions?

Just American "Bombs":

Somehow you were sure that he would. Would even rather have been facing a furious Louis again. Since, after all, Joe's most destructive bombs are sheated in soft leather and padding. The tan terror of the "tin ears" has no real graveyard. His is only figuratively.

A line in the records that reads: *"K.O. by 3, or 4, or 5, or 11."*

An amazing and growing list of these in the case of the quiet Negro boy, who, as he says, *"tries to win good and lose good."*

The most amazing record, to be exact, ever set up by any fist fighter since the records were begun.

Which probably is the most important reason why I think he is the best fighter of 'em all. He IS the best fighter of 'em all.

Joe Louis Refuses To Risk Crown In St. Louis Battle

Champion To Appear In Exhibition Bouts In Nation

NEW YORK, Oct. 19—(AP)—Promoter Mike Jacobs to whom heavyweight Champion Joe Louis is under contract, said today he had refused to grant permission for Louis's appearance in a bout in St. Louis Nov. 1 because he understood the bout was to be billed as for the title instead of as an exhibition.

The request for Louis' appearance was received from Russell Murphy, chairman of the Missouri State Athletic Commission.

CHICAGO, Oct. 19—(AP)—John Roxborough, co-manager of heavyweight Champion Joe Louis, said today the champion would appear in exhibition bouts Oct. 27 at Flint, Mich., and Oct. 30 at Richmond, Ind.

Other exhibition matches in several western cities, Roxborough said, have been tentatively cancelled until he can confer with Mike Jacobs, New York promoter, who has Louis under contract for title matches.

"Some of the cities," Roxborough said, "billed Louis' appearances as title matches. They will only be exhibitions all through the contemplated tour, with Louis boxing with spar mates. There is no truth to reports he will take on all comers. The only dates agreed on thus far are for Flint and Richmond."

Roxborough said Louis had been invited to box in an exhibition in Honolulu, but will not make the trip because it would interfere with his training for his scheduled title match Feb. 9, in New York with Arturo Godov.

Louis Will Not Fight Again Until June, Avers Copilot; Galento to Be Next Rival

Tony Earned Title Shot by Disposing of Lou Nova in Philadelphia Encounter September 16

By Frank Mastro
(Special to The Times-Picayune)

Chicago, Oct. 14.—Joe Louis will not make another defense of his heavyweight boxing championship before next June, Julian Black, comanager with John Roxborough of the Brown Bomber, said recently.

This statement was made following reports that Bomber Joe would defend the title against Arturo Godoy or Lou Nova in New York in January. Black just laughed when he heard the reports.

"Tony Galento is next in line for a shot at the title," Black reiterated. "Despite his knockout at the hands of Louis in a previous bout, he won another chance by eliminating Nova in Philadelphia, September 16. He would like to close the proposed rematch for Soldier Field."

Louis is keeping in condition by playing golf when he isn't appearing in exhibition bouts.

Godoy believes he is entitled to a title match because of the disputed decision he scored over Galento two years ago, before Tony obtained recognition. Subsequently Arturo was whipped by Nathan Mann, who was knocked out by Louis last year.

In four years Joe has earned $1,479,680 for 19 fights. Before that Louis' purses totaled $71,642 to make his aggregate earning $1,551,322.

Louis' fights since 1935 and his purses follow:

John Henry Lewis, technical knockout (1), title, Madison Square Garden, January 25, 1939, $34,413.

Jack Roper, knockout (1), title, Wrigley Field, Los Angeles, April 17, 1939; $33,543.

Tony Galento, technical knockout (4), title, Yankee Stadium, June 28, 1939; $114,332.

Bob Pastor, knockout (11), title, Briggs Stadium, Detroit, September 20, 1939; $118,400.

Total for 1939, $300,688.

Nate Mann, knockout (3), title, Garden, February 23, 1938; $40,522.

Harry Thomas, knockout (5), title, Chicago Stadium, April 1, 1938; $16,659.

Max Schmeling, technical knockout (1), title, Yankee Stadium, June 19, 1938; $321,245.

Total for 1938, $378,426.

Bob Pastor, won (10), Garden, January 29, 1937; $37,814.

Natie Brown, knockout (4), Kansas City, February 17, 1937; $8826.

James J. Braddock, heavyweight champion, knockout (8), title, Comiskey Park, June 22, 1937; $100,211.

Tommy Farr, won (15), title, Yankee Stadium, August 30, 1937; $102,587.

Totals for 1937, $249,438.

Charley Retzlaff, knockout (1), stadium, January 17, 1936; $23,065.

Schmeling, knockout by (12), Yankee Stadium, June 19, 1936; $140,959.

Jack Sharkey, knockout (3), Yankee Stadium, August 18, 1936; $42,746.

Al Ettore, knockout (5), Sesquicentennial Stadium, September 22, 1936; $60,147.

Jorge Brescia, knockout (3), New York Hippodrome, October 8, 1936; $8411.

Eddie Simms, technical knockout (1), Peoples' Hall, Cleveland, December 14, 1936; $20,000.

Total for 1936, $295,328.

Max Baer, knockout (4), Yankee Stadium, September 24, 1935; $217,000.

Paulino Uzcudun, technical knockout (4), Garden, December 13, 1935; $38,800.

SECRET OF JOE LOUIS'S KNOCKOUTS

NOT A BUMP ON A LOG

By JOHN JASPER

This is a bump on Joe Loui's neck. Some people would call it a wart.

What does it prove? Nothing.

Why do I print it? Well—

You didn't know it was there, did you?

What difference does one wart make? None so far as I know.

What can be done about it? We'd say it's Joe Louis's most valuable asset. It explains his great success. Joe has climbed into the ring with over 50 fellows who were bent on knocking him from New York to Detroit. Once they faced Joe, they caught sight of this wart back of his left ear. When Joe is agitated, this wart wiggles. It alternates red and blue and emits a light smoke.

The dern thing doesn't seem real and every one of these fellows opened his mouth and raised his chin up to see whether his eyes were playing him false or not.

Joe knows sooner or later that they are going to do this very thing, so he just follows them around the ring, waiting until they try to look behind his left ear, and when they do, Joe just pops them on the button and the fight is over.

Look what he did to Pastor. Pastor was so fascinated by Joe's wart that he was knocked down four times in the first two rounds.

That would have been his finish, but one of those blows made Pastor color-blind and he didn't get his color sight back till the eleventh round.

Then he gaped at Joe's wart again and Joe, who was waiting, socked him with his Sunday punch.

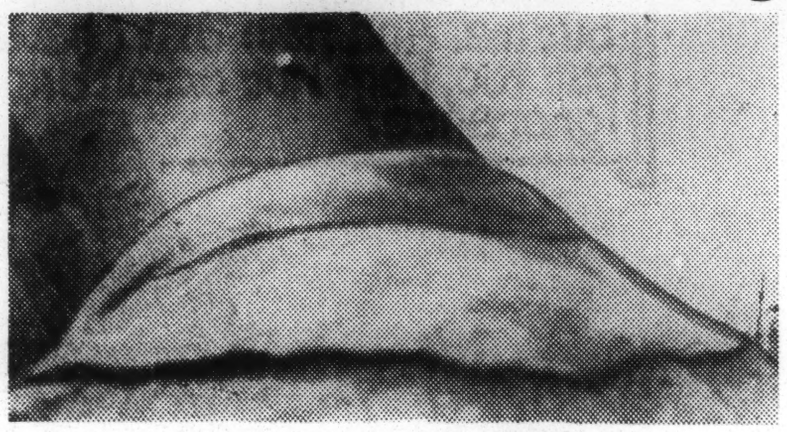


Photo by J. ROBERT SMITH

LOUIS IS NAMED FIGHTER OF YEAR

Comiskey, Sikes Best Heavyweight Prospects.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—(AP)—For the unprecedented feat of flattening four aspirants to his throne during [illegible] Heavyweight King Joe Louis tonight won the Ring Magazine's annual award as "the fighter of the year" for the fourth time in the last five years.

He won out by a narrow margin over Pittsburgh Billy Conn the light heavyweight champion with Two-Ton Tony Galento third in the balloting of 116 writers other experts, contributors and staff men in the Ring's annual poll. Louis received 51 votes and Conn 45.

Along with "the Ring merit award" for Louis, the magazine announced its ring rankings for the year. The undisputed champions were placed alone in the No. 1 groups among the heavyweights (Louis), light heavyweights (Conn) and welterweights (Henry Armstrong). Galento and Bob Pastor, both knockout victims of Louis this year, were ranked in that order in group two among the heavyweights. Tony got the call over Bob, the magazine explains, because he floored Louis in the third round of their bout last summer—which was picked by the Ring as "the round of the year."

Among Ring magazine awards for the year were:

Classiest Fighter—Billy Conn.

Most Punishing Fighter—Joe Louis.

Most Active Fighter—Tommy Spiegal, Pittsburgh lightweight, who engaged in 28 fights.

Most Promising Fighter—Al Davis, Brooklyn welterweight.

Year's Knockout King—Pat Comiskey, Paterson, N. J., heavyweight, 16 knockouts in 20 bouts.

Roughest Fight—Tony Galento's knockout of Lou Nova.

Best All-Round Fighter in Divisions Under Light Heavy—Ambers.

No. 1 Disappointment—Lou Nova, California heavyweight.

The ring's best prospects for the year were:

Heavyweight—Pat Comiskey, Paterson, N. J., and Bob Sikes, Pine Bluff, Ark.

Light Heavyweights—Curtis Sheppard and Jimmy Boyle, Brooklyn.

Middleweights — Vic Dellicurti, New York, and Turkey Thompson, Los Angeles.

Welterweights—Mike Kaplan, Boston, and Maxie Berger, Montreal.

Lightweights—Billy Marquart, Canada; Pete Lello, Chicago.

Featherweights—Dick Lemos, California; Bobby Ruffin, Connecticut.

Bantamweights—Tommy Kiene, Savannah; Johnny Juliano, Paterson, N. J.

Flyweights—Jackie Peterson, Scotland; Paddy Ryan, England.

Leaders in rankings included:

MIDDLEWEIGHTS.

Group 1—Ceferino Garcia, Philippines, and Al Hostak, Seattle.

Group 2—(1) Ron Richards, Australia; (2) Ken Overlin, Washington, D. C.; (3) Ben Brown, Atlanta; (4) Fred Apostoli, San Francisco.

FEATHERWEIGHTS.

Group 1—(1) Joey Archibald, Providence, R. I.; (2) Pete Scalzo, New York; (3) Simon Chavez, Caracas, Venezuela; (4) Dave Castilloux, Toronto; (5) Harry Jeffra, Baltimore.

Group 2—(1) Jackie Wilson, Pittsburgh; (2) Al Mancini, Providence; (3) Chalky Wright, Los Angeles; (4) Jimmy Perrin, New Orleans; (5) Dick Lemos, Los Angeles.

Joe Louis' Mother Tells 'Daily' About Son

THE CHAMP AT HOME: Joe Louis relaxes at home. His pretty wife and proud mother serve him some of their real home cooking.

Worried When He Fights, But Proud of Champ's Successes; Says K. O. of Schmeling Made Him Happiest

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By Lester Rodney

The first thing that hits the eye as you walk into the pleasant home of Mrs. Lily Brooks Barrow at 2100 McDougal Street in Detroit, is a striking drawing of her smiling World's Heavyweight Championship son on the mantle. "To my mother with love—Joe," is the inscription. Alongside of it is a picture of Joe's pretty wife with the inscription, "To a real mother, with love—Marva."

Mrs. Barrow settled back in a chair. "I'm glad this fight's over. I'm always worried about Joe's getting hurt. Of course I know he's equipped to take care of himself—very well equipped—but I guess a mother just has to worry about her son." Joe Louis' mother is a soft spoken middle aged woman with a fine sensitive face, a face bearing the lines that any mother who brought up eight children through the poverty of an Alabama cotton plantation hut and the Detroit slums must have.

"Then you didn't approve when Joe first started fighting as an amateur?" I asked.

ONCE STUDIED VIOLIN

She laughed. "No, I thought fighting was a pretty awful thing. I wanted him to be a musician, and gave him violin lessons for a while. You know, Joe is very interested in music. But he never gave that fiddle much attention once he started to fight. I guess he knew he could go further in fighting. I guess he was right at that."

What kind of a youngster was Joe? Did he have any street fights as a kid?

"No, Joe was a good boy, as good as any, that is. Not a sissy. He could only go to the seventh grade in school because he had to go to work. We had a hard time of it after moving up from Alabama.

"Joe was about 12 when we left the plantation and came to Detroit. He began to work on an ice wagon when he left school at 14. Then, later when he was 16 he got a job at Briggs Factory, then at Fords."

I asked Mrs. Barrow if she ever had occasion to spank Joe when he was little. She smiled at the memory.

"I guess I hold a few decisions over him!"

There was a copy of a Detroit paper opened to a picture of Joe reclining on the lawn at his training camp.

"Some papers make a habit of trying to show Joe as lazy," I said. "How do you feel about that."

YOU KNOW BETTER

Joe's mother smiled, almost reproachingly. "You must know the answer to that," she said. "How could anyone be lazy and get to be the best in the world at what he starts out to do?

"You know, the only time Joe used to get discouraged about himself was when he couldn't find time to go the gymnasium and train and learn, because of his working. I remember he refused to take some fights because he felt he hadn't prepared himself properly enough for them in the gym."

"You know something," she said leaning forward for emphasis. "Maybe it's just because I'm his mother I think so, but I'm pretty certain that if he had wanted to do something else besides fighting, and went into it with the same energy and determination, he'd get to be pretty near the best at it too."

"Even with the violin?"

"Even with the violin," she smiled. "I still wish he'd not become a fighter."

"But you must be pretty proud of his success, even at the fighting you don't like."

"Proud? Why! I should say. I keep all his clippings. Wherever Joe finishes a fight he comes here with Marva to stay for a few days and we go over the clippings together. It's just that you never can tell in fighting, and you know, some of the best have been upset . . . but I'm pretty confident Joe will take care of himself all right in there."

"Mrs. Barrow, after what fight would you say Joe seemed the happiest?"

"Oh, that second Schmeling fight," she smiled. "He got the biggest kick out of that, even bigger than winning the championship . . . if that was possible."

"Another impression the papers sometimes convey is that Joe isn't interested in anything much besides fighting. That he has little awareness of social conditions and such things as the wretched housing conditions for the people of Harlem. . .."

Again Joe's mother smiled softly

"Of course he's interested in things besides fighting. Joe was brought up in a family of eight poor children in miserable conditions. He had to leave school. Do you think he'd ever forget that, or that he doesn't know other boys like him have a hard time of it? You see, he rushes around so much, training and fighting and all, that he doesn't get around to taking much about such things. Like I said, he concentrates. But I know he gives very liberally to charities and would do what he could. My lord, of course he knows!"

She added that Joe and Marva went to the Baptist Church with her on occasions and that the Pastor was one of the many fighting for better housing for Detroit's Harlem, and against the police brutality prevalent in Detroit of late. She stopped for a while and then smiled.

"Of course, even though Joe likes to go to church, I wouldn't say that he prays before his fights. I guess he's found out that the Lord helps

those who hit the hardest."

We chatted a while more and then the clock struck three. Mrs. Barrow jumped up. "You'll have to excuse me for a little while. I've got to send my baby off to school."

The "baby" turned out to be Joe's pretty 19 year old sister, Vunies. She's going back for her senior year at Howard University, where she's majoring in history and political science. She hopes to teach.

"I gotta' rush with this packing to make my train," she laughed. "Mom and all the rest of us were so excited about the fight last night we forgot all about it."

Joe's Title Trail

DETROIT, Mich., Sept. 16 [Special].—Results, dates, and locations of Joe Louis' bouts since he won the world's professional boxing championship from Jimmy Braddock in Chicago June 22, 1937, follow:

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Tommy Farr; New York; Aug. 30, 1937; won [15].

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Braddock Answers Ford Stooge

(Special to the Daily Worker)

DETROIT, Sept. 19.—As Bob Pastor and Joe Louis climbed into the Briggs Stadium ring here tonight, Jim Braddock passed along the prediction that Joe would beat Bob inside of five rounds. . . . Jim, ex-heavy champ who lost his title to Joe, told the Daily Worker, "Don't let them kid you about Joe. He's plenty smart in there. . . . Nobody's going to outsmart him." Which was a fitting reply by one who should know to the prediction of Harry Bennett, Ford strong-arm man, featured in a morning paper, that Louis would lose because he was "less intelligent."

WAS LOUIS-PASTOR BOUT A BOXING EXHIBITION?

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NEW YORK—Did Joe Louis carry Pastor for eleven rounds to prolong the fight for the benefit of Detroit's sports world? It is generally believed that he did. And there are reasons for this opinion.

Detroit is a growing city, it is fast becoming another New York. At the present time business is humming out there and apparently plenty of money is in circulation because of the automobile industry and other industries in which employment is at a high level. The working people in this particular part of the country were just about ready to see a heavyweight championship bout but they wanted to be sure that they would see one. Many of them came from St. Louis, Chicago, Cleveland, Toledo, Columbus, Pittsburg, besides the quotas from Boston, Philadelphia and New York and other Eastern cities. The Easterners many of them, were regular followers of the boxing game or had seen the champion in his New York bouts. To many midwesterners a championship fight was something entirely new and extremely exciting.

The fight promoters very properly capitalized on the situation by advertising a twenty-round fight as indicating that there would be plenty of fighting. In all probability, therefore, it would have been a great disappointment to many had the fight gone only one round. But if Joe did stage a boxing exhibition for the benefit of his home towners especially and to satisfy other new spectators at a championship contest, in about three rounds he took plenty of punishment, especially in that very exciting eighth round when Pastor backed Louis up against the ropes and slugged and hammered him terrifically. But Joe Louis demonstrated that he could take those hard punches and then come back and put over that knockout blow, which when it lands, will knock any fighter in the world off his feet.

Again, at the beginning of the ninth round Pastor started to back Louis into a corner with very well placed blows, but Louis soon checked and as the aggressive Pastor danced from side to side, Joe Louis would follow up slowly, feint with the left hand like lightning flashes and then drive across a hard right hand blow. The eleventh round saw Bob Pastor down on the floor on both knees, unable to regain his feet to continue the fight.

The fight fans went home well satisfied and pleased that they had seen a most wonderful boxing exhibition, for both Pastor and Louis had throughout the evening exchanged plenty of blows. In Wayne County, where 120,000 colored Detroiters usually celebrate, the Joe Louis followers painted the town red while the hotels, taverns and night clubs did an overflow business. Colored and white politicians, and business men, in a joint mass meeting, on a platform constructed upon two large motor trucks drawn up at the corner of St. Antoine and Beacon streets, in speaking extolled the character of Joe Louis and said that he was a model athlete, one of the cleanest fighters that ever lived and a credit to the whole world. The whole vicinity of St. Antoine and Beacon streets was so crowded with speakers, singers and dancers that traffic was impossible all through the night.

Famous Sport Scribe Has Praise for Career of Louis

Ed's Note: The account below of Joe Louis the fighter, was written by Bill Corum, Sports Editor of the New York Journal; he is considered one of the ablest sports writers in the business. Below Corum records his view of Louis the champion as he sees him without bias.

By BILL CORUM

A man, if he is honest, can have only one opinion on a given subject—his own. Here are my reasons for thinking Joe Louis the greatest fist fighter I ever saw:

He wins.

He wins fairly and convincingly.

He is content to stand on the record of his performances inside the ropes, never alibiing in defeat or boasting in victory. I remember quite distinctly and accurately what he has said to me. After Schmeling knocked him out, he said:

"He beat me fair."

After he had annihilated Schmeling in almost a matter of seconds, he said:

"I had to win that one before I could feel I was a real champion."

Joe Can Take It

After Galento had knocked him down and he had knocked Galento out, he said:

"He hit me good."

After Braddock had knuocked him down and he had knocked Braddock out and they called him "champ," he said:

"My troubles is ovah for a little while. I know now I can get off the deck and win. But I don't want to be 'champ' until I beats that S'mellin'. That's the man I been waiting for ovah a long, sad year."

After he had knocked out a game boy, Bob Pastor, here Wednesday night, he said:

"He hit me hard in the eighth. Everything went black for a second, but I shook my head and I was all right. Man, he shoah is swift."

There, virtually verbatim, are the things Louis has said to me after these fights. In them was always a kindly, pleasant word for the beaten foeman. A little boost for the other fellow trying to get along in the same business.

But here are more reasons why I am deeply convinced that I have not seen his equal, and that none of us in this generation is likely to.

Fairness Excels

He has been made the subject of such a high standard of perfection that for him some victories are defeats. No other fighter of my time ever has lost when he won. But Joe is ridiculed for winning a mere decision. He must be good. Any fighter who lasts 10 rounds with him, by whatever means, becomes a sort of superman by the mere fact of finishing on his feet.

He has never struck a low blow, thumbed an opponent in the eye, butted him, hit him after the bell, clinched repeatedly, roughed, or been cautioned by a refree in the 20 fightes in which I have watched him.

He has never turned his head to complain to a referee, though he has been hit after the bell, low, and backhand on occasion.

He does not talk, spit, grunt, do dance steps, indulge in pantomime for the benefit of the crowd, jump up and down, turn handsprings, or give any sign whatever, either in victory or defeat.

He has no black list of possible opponents, tough gents that he does not wish to fight for one reason or another.

He has beaten five former world's champions. Call them setup if you like. They still wore the tall hat. Braddock, Carnera, Baer, Sharkey and Schmeling.

Brown Bomber Retains Title With Technical Kayo Over Lighter Foe

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A near-capacity crowd of 17,000 fans had come to Mike Jacob's show of all-colored champions to see Joe Louis in the fifth successful defense of his crown. White and colored celebrities of every walk of life and from every nook and corner of the nation had come to see the busiest champion in ring history put his title on the line against an admittedly game, smaller man. They saw as murderous a Joe Louis in action again as they saw in the Max Schmeling encounter.

JOHN HENRY DOWN THREE TIMES

John Henry Lewis hit the canvas three times, getting up twice without a count, but presenting such a pathetic heap of human form the third time that Referee Arthur Donovan stopped the fight after the count of five and awarded the champion victory on a technical knockout.

It was Joe Louis from start to finish. The two fighters met in the center of the ring, exchanging light lefts and feeling each other out. Then Joe Louis connected with two hard, fast lefts after the challenger slipped in two light lefts. The Bomber followed with lefts to the body and the two men exchanged rights and lefts which did no damage. Joe came through with a resounding right to John Henry's jaw and the challenger went down, mouth bleeding, eyes slightly glassy. John Henry regained his feet before the count.

Louis bored in on John Henry, caught him flush with a left to the jaw, rocked him with alternate lefts and rights to the body and John Henry's legs became wobbly, blood continuing to stream from his lips. A straight left to the jaw sent John Henry down again, but he gamely got back to his feet and faced the Bomber's devastating blows and "dead-pan" glare.

Louis unleashed a welter of vicious rights to John Henry's body and jaw and, leading with short lefts, he jabbed the light heavyweight champion's face. Louis missed a left but uncorked a series of murderous rights to the body which crumpled John Henry into a pathetic heap and deposited him upon the resin. Over John Henry's prostrate form, bloody agape mouth and glassy and half-blinded eyes, rushed Referee Arthur Donovan, who, after the count of five, walked over to Joe Louis and raised his right hand in the familiar symbol of victory. It was two minutes and 29 seconds of the first round.

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Louis weighed 200¼ pounds to John Henry's 180¾ and presented a bigger picture in every respect than his lighter opponent. The 19-odd pound advantage and artillery were too much for Lewis.

The victory was in accord with betting predictions which had rated Louis at as much as a 1-to-10 favorite over the Phoenix, Arizona youth, whose long experience and boxing grace had been considered enough to permit his staying a much longer period than the fight lasted. Both had reached the 25-year chronological mark.

The fight was the first all-colored event in the heavyweight title series in twenty-five years. Jack Johnson figured in the other. At first not slated to "draw flies", the bout finally emerged as one of the greatest interest-makers since the Schmeling fight, which lasted but a few seconds less

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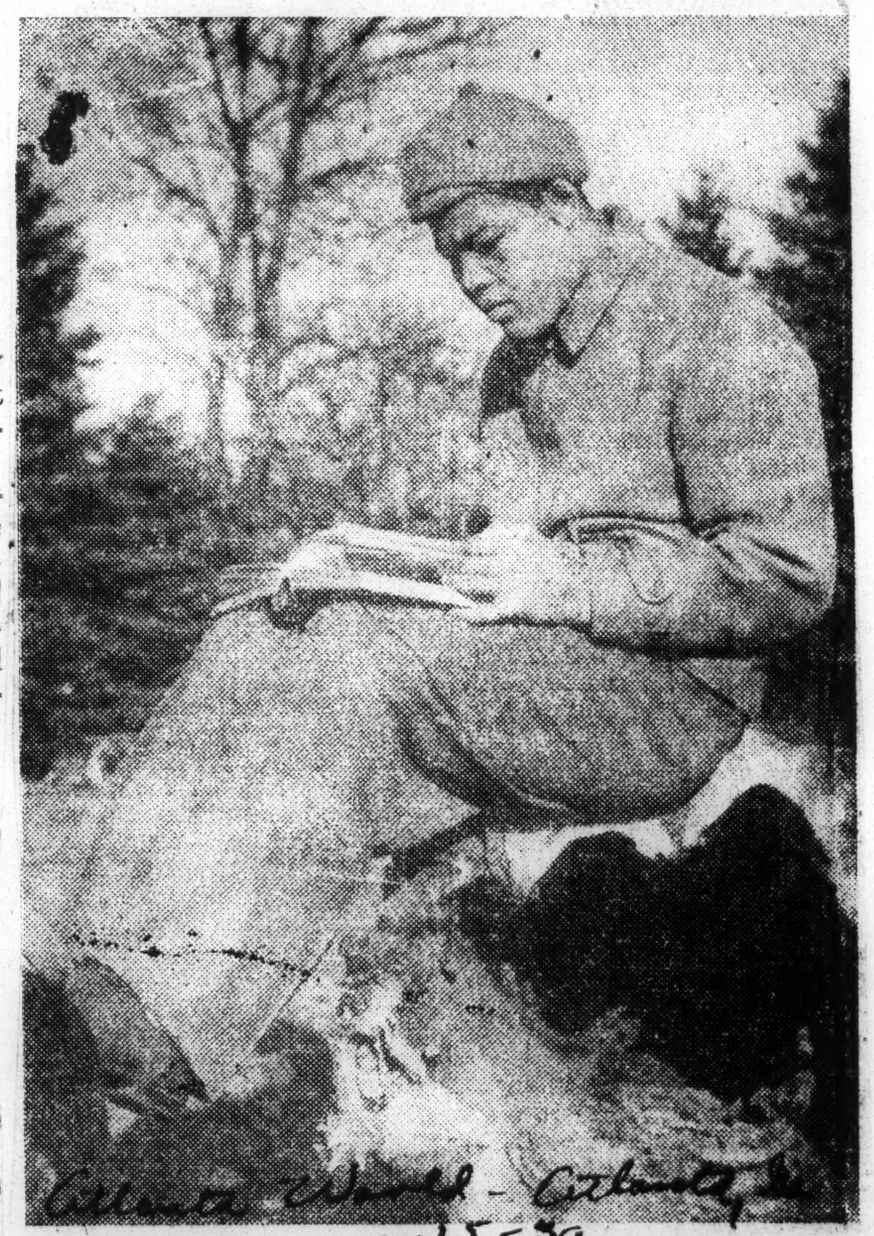

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Joe Louis, heavyweight champ, shown at Pompton Lakes, N. J., where he is training for the defense of his title against Lightheavyweight champ, John Henry Lewis, was caught by the cameraman as he brushed up, via written directions, on the manly art of self-defense. (Acme photo).

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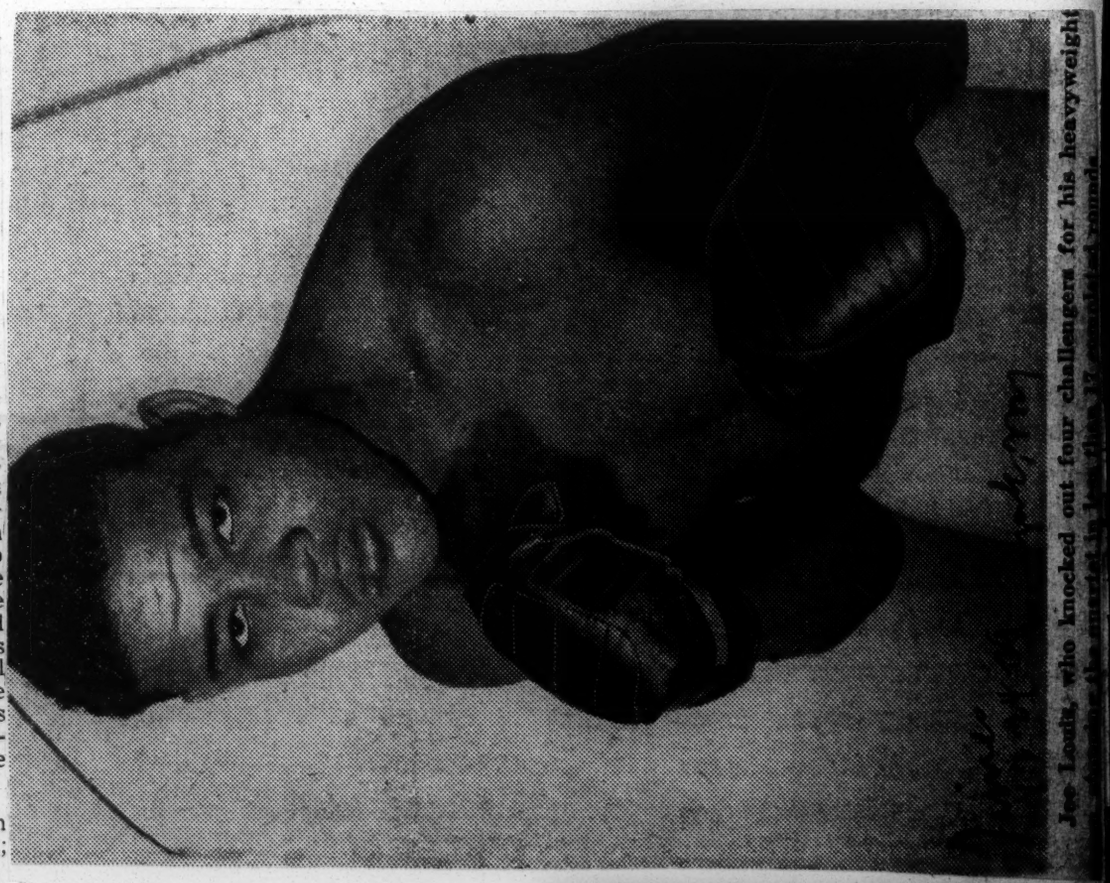

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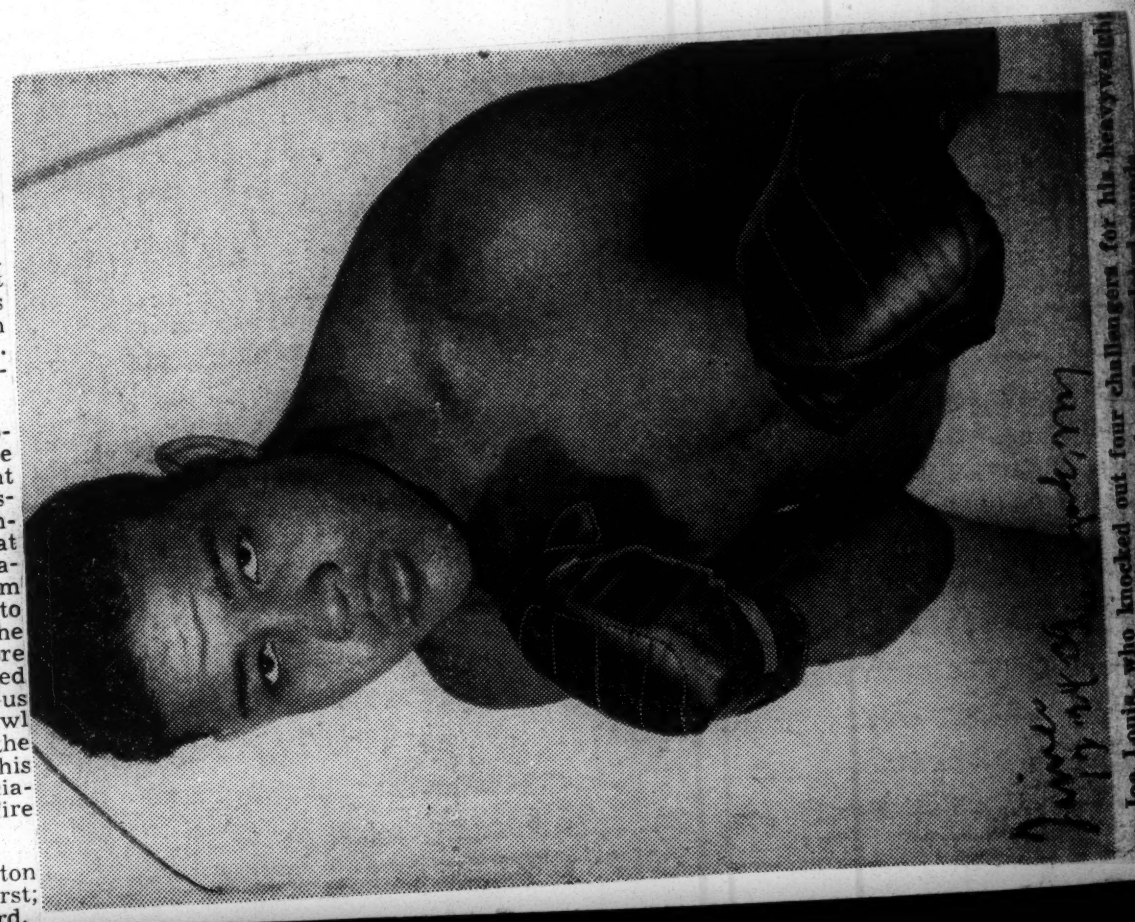
Main Man—Solly Krieger and Al Hostak: Suppose you noticed how Ceferino Garcia teed off on Pop-Eye Woods . . . Roy Hughes: How does it feel to hop from the Browns to he Yanks over night? . . . Walter Pate: A California tennis expert (name on request) will bet you ran't name a better Davis Cup dombination than Parker and Mako in singles and Kramer and Van Horn in doubles . . . Elza Thompson: If you ask us, you are bopping Joe Louis too hard in sparring practice for your own good . . . Phil K. Wrigley: Are you reading those letters irate Cub fans are writing to the papers?



Joe Louis, who knocked out four challengers for His heavyweight

Glittering in a gold-sequined gown, her hair swept up, her feet in spun-glass slippers, **Marva Trotter Louis,** wife of Heavyweight Boxing Champion Joe Louis, officiated at the coronation of St. Louis' Negro society king and queen. Introduced as "leader of Chicago society . . . America's premier lady of fashion," Mrs. Louis was accompanied by a local physician who informed all, "I am a personal friend of Joe Louis." Interviewed by newshawks, Mrs. Louis said of her husband: "He never gets rowdy in the home. I sure wish I had his poise and calm."

Bomber Wins Close Poll Over Conn

Heavyweight Champ Retains 'Ring's' Title As 'Fighter of Year' By 6 Nation-Wide Vote

By the Associated Press

New York, Dec. 25.—For the unprecedented feat of flattening four aspirants to his throne during 1939, Heavyweight King Joe Louis tonight won the 'Ring Magazine's annual award as "the fighter of the year" for the fourth time in the last five years.

He won out by a narrow margin over Pittsburgh's Billy Conn, the light-heavyweight champion, with Two-Ton Tony Galento third in the balloting of 116 writers, other experts, contributors and staff men in the Ring's annual poll. Louis received 51 votes and Conn 45.

Along with the Ring's merit award" for Louis, the magazine announced its ring rankings for the year. The undisputed champions were placed alone in the No. 1 groups among the heavyweights (Louis), light-heavyweights (Conn) and welterweights (Henry Armstrong). Galento and Bob Pastor, both knockout victims of Louis this year, were ranked in that order in group 2 among the heavyweights. Tony got the call over Bob, the magazine explains, becouse he floored Louis in the third round of their bout last summer—which was picked by the Ring as "the round of the year."

Top Middleweights

Both claimants to the middleweight crown, Ceferino Garcia, of Los Angeles, who is recognized by New York State and California, and Al Hostak, of Seattle, the National Boxing Association's standard bearer, made up group 1 among the 160-pounders.

Lou Amblers won back the lightweight crowd from Armstrong this year, for universal recognition as 135-pound boss, for which the Ring gave him No. 1 spot. Sammy Angott, of Louisville and Pittsburgh, and Davey Day, slim Chicago clouter, were ranked behind him.

Joey Archibald, of Providence, R. I., the generally recognized titlist, is No. 1 in a group of five leading the featherweights. Sixto Escobar, abdicated bantamweight titleholder, was still No. 1 in his class. The Ring pointed out he didn't vacate the throne until late in the year.

In naming Louis the fighter of the year, the Ring added that "if he had gone into retirement for the year the game would have dropped into the saddest of doldrums."

"Louis will go down in boxing history," the magazine went on, "as one of the most remarkable heavyweights the sport has developed. The editor of this magazine believes that in 1939 Louis achieved the peak of his career."

Foreigners Absent

The magazine also pointed out that "one of the unpleasant developments of 1939 was the let-down in class abroad" and that "for the first time in years we find no foreign fighter in a top spot."

Among Ring Magazine awards for the year were:

Classiest fighter—Billy Conn.

Most punishing fighter—Joe Louis.

Most active fighter—Tommy Spiegal, Pittsburgh lightweight, who engaged in 28 fights.

Most promising fighter—Al Davis, Brooklyn welterweight.

Year's knockout king—Pat Comiskey, Paterson, N. J., heavyweight; 16 knockouts in 20 bouts.

Roughest fight—Tony Galento's knockout of Lou Nova.

Best all-round fighter in divisions under lightheavy—Ambers.

No. 1 disappointment—Lou Nova. California heavyweight.

The ring's best prospects for the year were:

Heavyweight—Pat Comiskey, Paterson, N. J., and Bob Sikes, Pine Bluff, Ark.

Light-heavyweights—Curtis Sheppard and Jimmy Boyle, Brooklyn.

Middleweights—Vic Dellicurti, New York, and Turkey Thompson, Los Angeles.

Welterweights—Mike Kaplan, Boston, and Maxie Berger, Montreal.

Lightweights—Billy Marquart, Canada, and Pete Lello, Chicago.

Featherweights—Dick Lemos, California, and Bobby Ruffin, Connecticut.

Bantamweights—Tommy Kiene, Savannah and Johnny Juliano, Paterson, N. J.

Lightweights—Jackie Paterson, Scotland and Paddy Ryan, England.

Leaders in each division of the ring's ranking:

GROUP 1—Joe Louis, Detroit.

GROUP 2—(1) Tony Galento, Orange, N. J.; (2) Bob Pastor, New York.

GROUP 3—(1) Lou Nova, California; (2) Tommy Farr, England; (3) Johnny Paychek, Des Moines; (4) Red Burman, Baltimore; (5) Max Baer, California; (6) Max Schmeling, Germany.

GROUP 4—(1) Arturo Godoy, Chile; (2) Alberto Lovell, Argentina; (3) Valentin Campolo, Argentina; (4) Gunnar Barland, Finland; (5) Roscoe Toles, Detroit; (6) Maurice Strickland, New Zealand; (7) Patsy Perroni, Ohio; (8) Buddy Baer, California; (9) Natie Mann, New Haven, Conn.; (10) Al McCoy, Boston; (11) Bob Nestell, Los Angeles; (12) Lee Savold, St. Paul; (13) Pat Comiskey, Paterson, N. J.

LIGHTHEAVYWEIGHTS

GROUP 1—Billy Conn, Pittsburgh

GROUP 2—(1) Gus Lesnevich, Cliffside, N. J.; (2) Melio Bettina, Beacon, N. Y.; (3) Len Harvey, England.

GROUP 3—(1) Dave Clark, Detroit; (2) Tiger Jack Fox, Spokane, Wash.; (3) Jock McAvoy, England; (4) Adolf Heuser, Germany; (5) Teddy Yarosz, Pittsburgh; (6) Al Gainer, New Haven, Conn.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

GROUP 1—Ceferino Garcia, Philippines, and Al Hostak, Seattle.

GROUP 2—(1) Ron Richards, Australia; (2) Ken Overlin, Washington, D. C.; (3) Ben Brown, Atlanta; (4) Fred Apostoli, San Francisco.

GROUP 3—(1) Lloyd Marshall, Sacramento, Calif.; (2) Ossie Stewart, Pittsburgh; (3) Vic Dellicurti, New York; (4) Atillo Sabatino, Puerto Rico; (5) Solly Krieger, Brooklyn; (6) Walter Woods, New York.

WELTERWEIGHTS

GROUP 1—Henry Armstrong, Los Angeles.

GROUP 2—(1) Ernie Roderick, England; (2) Holman Williams, Chicago; (3) Fritzie Zivic, Pittsburgh; (4) Charley Burley, Pittsburgh; (5) Pedro Montanez, Puerto Rico.

GROUP 3—(1) Mike Kaplan, Boston; (2) Marcel Cerdun, France; (3) Maxie Berger, Montreal; (4) Milt Aron, Chicago; (5) Cocoa Kid, New Haven, Conn.; (6) Al Nettlow, Detroit.

GROUP 4—(1) Kenny Lasalle, Houston Tex.; (2) Steve Mamakos, Washington; (3) Sammy Luftspring, Toronto; (4) Jimmy Leto, Hartford, Conn.; (5) Pal Junior, Lewiston, Me.; (6) Gustave Eder, Germany; (7) Al Davis, Brooklyn.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

GROUP 1—(1) Lou Ambers, Herkimer N. Y.; (2) Sammy Angott, Louisville and Pittsburgh; (3) Davey Day, Chicago.

GROUP 2—(1) Leo Rodak, Chicago (2) Jackie Wilson, Los Angeles (3) Wes Ramey, Grand Rapids, Mich.; (4) George Crouch, Los Angeles.

GROUP 3—(1) Eric Boon, England (2) Lew Jenkins, Sweetwater, Tex.; (3) Bob Montgomery, Philadelphia; (4) Tommy Speigal, Pittsburgh; (5) Billy Marquart, Winnipeg, Canada.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

GROUP 1—(1) Joey Archibald, Providence, R. I.; (2) Pete Scalzo, New York (3) Simon Chavez, Venezuela; (4) Dave Castilloux, Toronto; (5) Harry Jeffra, Baltimore.

GROUP 2—(1) Jackie Wilson, Pittsburgh; (2) Al Mancini, Providence; (3) Chalky Wright, Los Angeles; (4) Jimmy Perrin, New Orleans; (5) Dick Lemos, Los Angeles; (6) Mike Belloise, New York; (7) Al Reid, New York; (8) Johnny Cusick, England; (9) Frankie Covelli, Brooklyn; (10) Bobby Green, Philadelphia; (11) Freddy Miller, Cincinnati; (12) Spider Armstrong, Toronto; (13) Johnny Hutchinson, Philadelphia; (14) Billy Passan, Philadelphia; (15) Lucien Popescu, Rumania; (16) Spider Kelly, Ireland; (17) Mickey Miller, Australia; (18) Joe Hall, Australia; (19) Allie Stolz, Newark, N. J.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

GROUP 1—(1) Sixto Escobar, Puerto Rico; (2) K. O. Morgan, Detroit; (3) Tony Olivera, Oakland, Calif.; (4) Lou Salica, Brooklyn; (5) Georgia Pace, Cleveland.

GROUP 2—(1) Peter Kane, England; (2) Kui Kong Young, Hawaii; (3) Kid Kanner, British Guiana; (4) Little Pancho, Philippines; (5) Aurel Toma, Rumania.

FLYWEIGHTS

GROUP 1—(1) Little Dado, Philippines; (2) Enrico Urbanati, Italy.

GROUP 2—(1) Jackie Paterson, Scotland; (2) Jackie Jurich, San Jose, Calif.; (3) Small Montana, Philippines; (4) Joe Curran, Liverpool, England; (5) Tiny Bostick, England.

Louis Is Tops For 4th Time

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Because he knocked out four opponents during the 1939 season in defense of his world heavyweight crown, Joe Louis won the Ring magazine's annual award as "the fighter of the year." This is the fourth time Louis has won this honor in the last five years

Louis won by a narrow margin over Billy Conn, Pittsburgh light-heavyweight. Balloting was by 116 writers, experts, contributors and staff men of the Ring magazine. Louis received 51 votes Conn 45.

Henry Armstrong, world welterweight champion, was placed No. 1 by the magazine in ranking the welterweight. Lou Ambers, world lightweight champion who won back his title from Armtrong, heads the lightweight division.

Sixto Escobar, who vacated his bantamweight world title, was still No. 1 of the little fellows. The magazine said he did not vacate his throne until late in the year.

Joe Louis was voted the "most punishing fighter." He was the only heavyweight placed in group one. Max Schmeling was placed No. 6 in group three of the heavies. Roscoe Toles drew fifth position in group four.

Dave Clark, Detroit, was placed at the top of group three in the light-heavyweight division, Tiger Jack Fox of Spokane, Wash., drew second position and Al Gainer, New Haven, Conn., was sixth.

Ossie Stewart, Pittsburgh, was No. 2 in group three of the middleweights.

Henry Armstrong was by his lone self in group 1 of the welters. In group 2, No. 2 is Holman Williams of Chicago. Charley Burley, Pittsburgh, placed fourth and Pedro Montanez, Puerto Rico, was fifth Cocoa Kid, New Haven, Conn., was fifth in group three.

Jackie Wilson, Los Angeles, drew No. 2 position in group 2 of the lightweights. Fourth in that division was Georgie Crouch, Los Angeles.

Jackie Wilson, Pittsburgh, topped group two of the featherweights Chalky Wright, Los Angeles, was placed third in group two.

Although Sixto Escobar, Puerto Rico, vacated his throne, he still is No. 1 of group one in the bantamweight class. Georgia Pace, whom the National Boxing Association recognizes as world champion, is placed No. 5 in group one.

"JOE LOUIS"

Joe Louis Has Earned Over Million Dollars Since 1935

Profits from Radio, Exhibition Bouts, Personal Theatre Appearances, Advertising Promotions and Movie Rights Not Included in Purses

May Get Over Half-Million in Galento Bout

By HALODY MOORNE
(Black Dispatch Sports Writer)

LOS ANGELES, Cal.—My one week's vacation in this Angel City has been a very pleasant one, indeed. Last week-end we visited the motion picture studios,, attended a baseball game and dropped in on a few of the city's hot night-life spots. None of these aforementioned incidents quite affected us as much as the tabulation of the ring earnings of Joe Louis, world's heavyweight boxing champion. My old friend, Tom Rice, who is a Joe Louis fan one hundred per cent has kept records on the Brown Bomber ever since the lad turned professional.

Exclusive of Louis' earnings out of the squared circle the champion has picked up something like one and one-half million dollars, including a doben bouts prior to January 1, 1935. Just how much of this money Joe has salted away no one really can say other than the men in Uncle Sam's income tax department. However, I can recall a statement made public last year regarding the champion's refusal to accept a bout during 1938 because of the fact it would hoist his income tax too high.

Everyone knows that Louis is about the most thrifty individual ever to become a heavyweight title possessor. His managers, John Roxborough and Julian Black along with his chief trainer, Jack Blackburn, have taught him the art of self-preservation—financially. He was paid in the neighborhood of $60,00 for his fight out here last Monday night with Jack Roper.

For a single fight the record purse is $990,445 which was Gene Tunney's shart for his second fight with Jack Dempsey, held in Chicago in 1927. Dempsey's end for this fight was $425,000. Jack also picked up $470,000 for his part in the bout with Luis Angel Firpo, the "Wild Bull of the Pampas", in 1923.i The bout lasted just three minutes and 58 seconds, hence, Dempsey got about $120,000 per minute for fighting.

That was an all-time world record—unitl the night of June 22, 1938, when the Brown Bomber met the German, Max Schmeling for the second engagement. On that historic occasion Louis knocked the Nazi youth into dreamland in a fractio over two thrill-packed minutes—earning close to $200,000 per minute for fighting—a record that may stand for quite a while.

In the figures below we have tried to show an itemized list of the purses of the boy who traveled from the Golden Gloves champion to king of all the heavyweight prizefighters. Prior to January 1, 1935, the total amount for twelve bouts was $4,757.

Patsy Perroni	$ 4,220
Hans Birkie	1,900
Lee Ramage	4,354
Red Barry	3,270
Natie Brown	6,589
Roy Lazer	11,212
Primo Carnera	60,433
King Levinsky	53,752
Max Baer	240,833
Paolino Uzcudun	39,612
Charley Retzlaff	23,065
Max Schmeling	140,959
Jack Sharkey	35,506
Al Ettore	52,897
Jorge Brescia	8,411
Eddie Simms	20,000
Bob Pastor	36,000
Natie Brown	11,000
J. J. Braddock (title)	103,684
Tommy Farr	102,578
Nathan Mann	40,522
Harry Thomas	16,659
Max Schmeling (approx.)	400,000
John H. Lewis (approx.)	470000
Jack Roper (estimated)	60,000
Total	$1,530,213

Louis Settles $100,000 Suit

CHICAGO.—(ANP)—The $100,000 slander suit filed by Sheridan A. Bruseaux, private detective, against Joe Louis and his managers, Julian Black and John Roxborough, and the similar suits filed by them against him as the aftermath of the first Louis-Schmeling fight have been settled out of court to the satisfaction of all parties concerned, it was revealed last week.

The suits threatened to bring on sensational exposes if aired in court. Bruseaux had charged Louis was doped before the Schmeling fight in June, 1936, and the Louis group accused the Southside detective of trying to shake them down. The suits were dismissed by Federal Judge John B. Barnes "without cost or prejudice."

Joe Louis Shows Interest In Crop Of "Stumblebums"

NEW YORK.—(SNS)— Joe Louis and his part owner, Mike Jacobs were reported Monday as greatly interested in the new crop of "stumblebums" now infesting the heavyweight division and posing as challengers for the title, in the hope that one would improve sufficiently to draw a fair-sized crowd of the World Fair attendance in a probable contest with the champion. Thus far, most of those posing have been merely doing that as the recent elimination series show. But, ever-moving Jacobs has started a new series and keeps his eyes on big contests for the fair crowds.

Schmeling Is Back; Wants Louis Again

NEW YORK— (SNS) — Max Schmeling, former world heavyweight champion, who fell before Joe Louis' mighty blows in two minutes and four seconds of the first round in their encounter last year, arrived from Germany Thursday indicating his readiness to again meet the Brown Bomber. Said he:

"I'm ready to fight Joe Louis again, but first I want to meet one or two of the leading title contenders.

"I want to fight Joe Louis again—and I think I can beat him if I have the chance. I don't want to quit the ring with a defeat."

The German denied he or his wife had touble with Nazi authorities before he embarked for America. Max made it plain he was ..y not a politician, but impressed reporters that he missed his calling and should have been a diplomat. He avoided with great care any revelation of troubles with the Hitler government.

Schmeling said he came over "for eight or 10 or 14 days to say 'hello' to my friends and pay a little visit. I have not been in a concentration camp, and I have not been detained or questioned by Nazi authorities. Only six weeks ago I was at a dinner which Goebbels also attended."

In reply to any and all questions bordering on politics, the German fighter bellowed:

All bunk, absolutely silly. You reporters are funny. Why do you ask me these things; I'm no politician. As a politician. Why don't you ask the German ambassador?"

Top Seats Going For $16.50

"Brown Bomber"

3-to-1 Shot To Defeat Lewis

NEW YORK. — (SNS)— Ticket-selling for the Joe Louis-John Henry Lewis fight Wednesday night suddenly took on an upward spurt Monday, and it was predicted that a crowd of about 18,000 would p a y $100,000 or more to see the two colored boxers in Madison Square Garden's arena.

The top interest in the heavyweight championship tilt came as a surprise to most of the nation's sports writers and observers, who had predicted at first that it wouldn't draw at all due to the double-colored hue. It is the first heavyweight championship fight between two colored men since Jack Johnson fought Battling Jim Johnson in Paris in 1913. Writers also pointed to the heavy rating of the heavyweight champion over his lighter but clever opponent.

JOE IS DRAWING POWER

But last week saw a change in things, when customers by the dozens started lining up outside the ticket offices all over New York and demanding all classes of seats from the $16.50 top, down.

The big draw, however, still seems to be Joe and his dead-pan, deadly deliverance. Joe has not fought since he took Max Schmeling last June. Though most of the fight following fraternity expect to see Louis go through to an easy victory, there are a growing throng who have come to respect the former light-heavyweight champion. Nobody thinks the Detroiter will lose, except the rabid fans who follow the Phoenix, Arizona, fighter, but the manner of his winning was in dispute as the fighters went through their last ring workouts Monday.

Betting, such as it is, is light. It is almost impossible to get a bet. Louis is 3 to 1 favorite to stop Lewis. Prices range from 1 to 5 to 1 to 7 in favor of Joe.

LEWIS CONFIDENT

Despite this betting attitude, the Lewis camp remains confident that their "champion" will come out victorious. Said John Henry:

"I'll just tie Joe up, outbox him and outfox him.'

Then, too, Lewis fans who think he will go the entire fifteen rounds with the hard-hitting Joe are basing lots on the astuteness of James Joy Johnston, who engineered the Bob Pastor-Louis walkathon, a who is coaxing John Henry as "get away" methods.

LOUIS' MOTHER HOPES HE WILL GIVE UP BOXING

Springfield, O., June 17.—(AP)—Joe Louis' mother hopes he will quit the ring, but she intends to see him defend his world heavyweight title against Tony Galento in New York June 28. The champion's mother, Mrs. Lillie Brooks of Detroit, Mich., said she had urged Joe to quit the ring and "do something else," adding: "But he doesn't pay any attention to me."

She remarked that she had wanted him to be a violinist.

"I tried to get him to play the violin and I gave him lessons for a year and a half, but he never learned anything," she said.

CHAMP'S PLANS CALL FOR QUICK END TO BATTLE

He'll Catch Tony Coming In For First Attack With Best Blows

Four Rounds Of Sparring Daily Scheduled For Heavy King Now

BY SID FELDER

POMPTON LAKES—, N. J., June 22—(AP)—Tony Galento isn't the only one who realizes Tony Galento's chances against Joe Louis Wednesday night lie in the ability of the pudgy puncher to rush in and land the first punch of the 15-round fight.

Joe Louis does too.

So the Brown Bombing champion is perfecting a [illegible] plan of his own to stop the Jersey barkeep in his first charge—stop him like a brick wall would, in fact. Simply, it's this, as explained by Joe, himself, Thursday.

"I'll jest ketch him comin' in."

Joe has heard that Tony's battle plans have been drawn around that initial attack. As a result, the champion will be ready with two "cute" tricks when they square off in Yankee Stadium.

They're a pair of aces, these tricks. They consist of his short range artillery, a left hook, but, particularly, a short right uppercut.

He's been using them against his sparmates these last few days, and, although he still hasn't perfected his defense against left hooks, his short right, either to the chin or under the heart, does plenty of damage.

Last Full-Time Drill

Joe went through his last full-time workout Thursday, boxing six rounds. From now until Monday, except for a day off Friday, he'll spar only four rounds in each drill.

The New York State Boxing Commission, through its chairman, Gen. John J. Phelan, and its physician, Dr. William Walker, put the official "okay" on the dark dynamiter just before the workout.

"His reflexes are active," the physician said, "and his general condition is very good."

General Phelan somewhat irked at the talk that the fight may develop into a rough house, pointed out that the referee in New York rings, still has power to disqualify a fighter for foul tactics, in spite of the "no foul" rule.

"The book states plainly," the commission chairman pointed out, "that the referee shall disqualify a boxer for major fouls."

These include hitting a man when he's down, using the knee, or "failure to obey the referee."

This was the anniversary of two of Joe's most noted triumphs, his title knockout victory over Jim Braddock two years ago, and his "short and sweet" conquest of Max Schmeling in their second fight last June 22.

TONY GALENTO, PASTOR RATED BEHIND CHAMP

Two Ton No. 1 Hopeful In N. B. A. Book, With Bob Placed Second

Nova Is Shoved To Third, Baer To Fourth; Farr Placed Sixth

WASHINGTON, June 22—(AP)—Bob Pastor replaced Lou Nova as the No. 2 challenger to Champion Joe Louis in the National Boxing Association's quartely ratings, released Thursday. Tony Galento still was ranked the top-challenger.

It was indicated that inactivity had kept Pastor from receiving similar ranking in the last previous ratings. Putting him in the No. 2 spot shoved Nova down to No. 3 and Max Baer, whom Nova defeated, to fourth.

Tommy Farr, of Wales, who was not carried in the first 10 in the previous ratings, was given the fifth position.

The other heavyweights, in order were: Red Burman, Willie Reddish, Roscoe Toles, Johnny Paycheck, and Tom Kenneally.

Joseph Triner, NBA member fromIllinois, recorded a minority vote in this order: Nova, Pastor, Baer, Reddish, Galento, Burman, Paycheck, Toles, Kenneally and Gunnar Baarlund.

Heavyweights receiving honorable mention from the NBA were Arturo Godoy, Chile; Gunnar Baarlund, Finland; Tony Musto, Illinois; Buddy Baer, California; Patsy Perroni, Michigan; Eddie Blunt, New York; Nathan Mann, Connecticut; Al McCoy, Massacusetts; Maurice Strickland, Australia; Gus Dorazio, Pennsylvania.

The association said it would reocognize as light heavyweight champion of the world the winner of a 15-round fight between Melio Bettina, and the winner of one of the following impending matches:

Gus Lesnevich-Dave Clark.

Len Harvey-Jock McAvoy.

Billy Conn-Ron Richards.

The association recently declared the light heavyweight championship vacant after an examination disclosed that John Henry Lewis' eyesight was impaired.

LOUIS NEARS CLOSE OF TRAINING GRIND

Three Hard Drills Remain for Joe Before His Title Bout With Galento Next Week

PHELAN TO WATCH BOMBER

Will See Ring Session Today —Bimstein Is Engaged as Two-Ton Tony's Second

By JAMES P. DAWSON

Major Gen. John J. Phelan, chairman of the State Athletic Commission, today will watch the workout of Joe Louis, world heavyweight champion, as the Detroit Bomber goes through his paces at Pompton Lakes, N. J. This will be the first of Joe's last three hard drills before his title match next Wednesday night at the Yanakee Stadium against the globular Tony Galento of Orange.

Accompanying Chairman Phelan will be Dr. William H. Walker, commission physician, who will subject Louis to a thorough physical examination.

The visit of the commission head and one of the board's examining physicians carries no especial significance beyond the routine precaution to ascertaining that the titleholder is physically prepared for the scheduled fifteen-round bout that confronts him.

It is expected that during the visit of Chairman Phelan, Julian Black and John Roxborough, Louis's managers, will discuss the general rules under which Wednesday's battle will be waged. This suspicion arises from the noisy promises of a rough and tumble battle from the Galento camp.

Grind Ends on Sunday

Louis's drill today will be followed by another on Saturday. The champion's training grind will end, according to the present schedule, with an intensive workout Sunday.

Galento, too, is scheduled to work out today at his Summit, N. JJ., quarters. Two-Ton Tony, like Louis, spent the longest day of the year yesterday in complete idleness and is prepared for vigorous drills Saturday and Sunda yto round out what is undeniably the longest training seige he has ever undergone. In connection with the remaining workouts of the champion and challenger, extreme caution is to be exercised that neither sustains an injury which might interfere with Wednesday night's plans.

Joe Jacobs, manager of Galento, yesterday announced the engagement of Whitey Bimstein, regarded as one of the best seconds in boxing, to work in Galento's corner during the battle. Trainer Jimmy Frain and Jacobs will also be in the challenger's corner.

Bimstein's engagement admittedly was a move taken against the possibility of cuts Galento may sustain. Manager Jacobs professed to be in possession of some mysterious liquid which he plans to apply to Galento's old ring wounds as an additional safeguard before Two-Ton enters the ring.

Tony To Play Host

Galento is to play host this afternoon at a cocktail party "in honor of Mr. Joe Louis," at his Summit quarters. The challenger's manager has arranged for an exhibition of selected rounds from Louis fight pictures in which the champion did not look at all impressive to destroy the myth that Louis is "invincible," a "superman" or a "killer." Tonight Galento is to submit to a radio interview over Station WOR.

Betting on the fight continued light yesterday, although Promoter Mike Jacobs announced a distinct improvement in the advance demand for tickets. Louis ruled a prohibitive favorite at 1 to 8 in whatever wagering took place.

Promoter Jacobs, announcing a $12,000 one-day sale of tickets on Tuesday, declared he had $100,000 deposited in the bank from his advance sale, a figure which did not inclue tickets out on consignment. He predicted the gate would be between $300,000 and $350,000.

HOPES are slim that the television cameras will be permitted at the ringside for the Joe Louis-Tony Galento fight on Wednesday night, according to Mike Jacobs, promoter, who reports that he has turned a deaf ear to all overtures to allow the teleeyes to look in on the roped arena during this encounter.

Asked whether he thought that television was detrimental to the gate receipts, the promoter's quick answer was: "It certainly doesn't do it any good."

WHITE DAILY LAUDS MODESTY OF LOUIS

Deep admiration for the personal traits of Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis has been expressed by many newspaper and magazine writers in publications for all races. One of the most striking tributes Lorain Journal, published in Lorain, Ohio. In full, the Lorain Journal, printed in Lorain, Ohio. In full, the editorial says:

A CREDIT TO ANY RACE

Some day one of the universities for the colored race ought to do something in the way of honoring Joe Louis.

In a sense this would be a little odd, for the Brown Bomber of the fistic arena makes no pretense at learning and is not known to be an expert at anything other than boxing and fried chicken.

But already in the time he has been world's heavyweight champion, he has done more to win respect for his race than some of its most notable educators.

In a spot where he could easily make himself obnoxious — as, indeed, many white champions have done—he plays the good will ambassador with skill and consistency.

The Louis after-the-fight ring radio interview, as exemplified at last night's 11-round knockout of Bob Pastor, runs about like this.

Q. Did Bob hurt you? A. I knew he was hitting me all right.

Q. At any time did you feel your crown was slipping? A. I'm always worried about my crown.

Contrast this with the vapid popping off by some of the challengers.

He has the country with him. He is a great champion.

He would be a credit to any race.

Sports of the Times

Reg. U. S. Pat. Off.

By JOHN KIERAN

Fancy Figures on Fighting Gents

IT took Shufflin' Joe Louis ten rounds and a fraction to drape Bob Pastor on the canvas, thereby causing a certain amount of scornful criticism to the effect that Louis couldn't be much if it took him that long to belt over the aforesaid Pastor. Those who thought Louis was any hitter should have seen ..... (fill in the name of John L. Sullivan, Ruby Robert Fitzsimmons, Jim Jeffries, Jack Johnson or Jack Dempsey, choice of one). There was a man who really could punch and drop an opponent with one blow.

Just out of curiosity, this observer picked up a boxing record book to find out how ferocious those old boys might have been and what disposition was made of the dead bodies that must have been strewn around them. Of course, the old records are not reliable. Fighting was illegal and a secretive proceeding in many parts of the country and the culprits were not going about putting printed evidence of their law-breaking within reach of officers who possibly might try to enforce the law.

There may be omissions and inaccuracies in the old records, and this searcher for truth and light further came upon records of bouts of two and three rounds "won" by John L. Sullivan and James J. Corbett. They were not listed under the "Knockouts," but under the heading "Won," which is used to indicate bouts won by decisions in modern times.

An Appeal to the Elders

Somebody of the older school will have to enlighten this mystified bystander about those two-round and three-round bouts "won" by the Boston Strong Boy and Gentleman Jim. No, they were not exhibitions, because the exhibitions were listed separately. Can it be that the big fellows of the Sullivan-Corbett era actually signed for two-round bouts? If so, was it a matter of money, like putting on a very short fight for some short change?

But that's aside from the main point, which is the thunderous thumping done by former heavyweight champions in comparison to the tepid tapping of Shufflin' Joe Louis, who didn't knock Bob Pastor out until along in the eleventh round of their recent debate in Detroit. The record book—very negligently—does not give the horsepower or foot-pound rating of the punches thrown by the former champions. It just gives the names of the fighters, date of the bout and who and how. For instance, in the Sullivan dosinder the heading "Won," there is this listed:

"1889—Jake Kilrain, 75 rds."

And under the heading "Draw," there is found this item:

"1888—Charlie Mitchell, 39 rounds."

Drawing Some Conclusions

Now, by all accounts John L. was a husky gent with a wicked wallop. Maybe Joe Louis can't hit a lick. Pastor went ten rounds with him in the Garden; Tommy Farr survived fifteen rounds of boxing with Louis at the Yankee Stadium. That made two fights and a total of twenty-five rounds in which Louis knocked nobody for a loop, showing how ineffective he is as a hitter and how curious it is that so many pop-eyed onlookers think he has a wonderful wallop.

But, if the record book has it straight, two men stayed a total of 114 rounds with the great John L., the famous Boston Strong Boy, in two fights only one of which was an official victory for Sullivan.

Those were bare-knuckle fights, to be sure, and a round ended any time one of the contestants went down. There can be no fair comparison between bare-knuckle bouts and the gloved encounters of more modern times. But the old records prove that not every opponent of the great John L. was popped over like a duckpin or flattened like a pancake by the first mighty swipe of the Boston Strong Boy.

Now, Gentleman Jim Corbett never was famed for his punching. He was the boxer. But Ruby Robert Fitzsimmons was a terrific puncher, according to historians and surviving citizens of that lost era. The Freckled Cornishman was a freak; all arms and shoulders and no legs. A blacksmith by trade, his hammering on the anvil had developed his arms and hands for deadly work in the ring. So Ruby Robert took the heavyweight championship from James J. Corbett—in what? In a minute? In a round? No; in fourteen rounds or slightly less. Gentleman James was counted out in the fourteenth at Carson City, Nev. It was in the eleventh, wasn't it, that light-hitting Louis stopped Pastor recently?

Give and Take

Who said Pastor was any James J. Corbett? That's another matter. And there's another way of looking at these records. Take them in bulk. According to the book, Bob Fitzsimmons had about forty listed fights and scored twenty-three knockouts. So far, Shufflin' Joe Louis has had forty-four fights and has scored thirty-seven knockouts.

By the same token, Jim Jeffries had twenty-three fights and scored eleven knockouts. Jack Johnson had eighty-nine fights (at least) and is down for only twenty-nine knockouts, but there may have been extenuating circumstances. It was whispered around the ring in those days that L'il Arthur, as they called Jack Johnson, was warned against hitting too hard or he would find himself out of work for a long time, so he took it easy and lasted longer. That's the story and the fans of that time had to take it or leave it. Now the choice is not compulsory and a man may ignore the whole thing; in fact, it's the sensible thing to do.

Jack Dempsey had seventy fights and scored forty-eight knockouts, a high mark. The heavyweights fell fast when the Manassa Mauler began to bang away at them. But the Louis average is still higher. Tommy Gibbons went fifteen rounds with Jack Dempsey as easily as Bob Pastor went that ten rounds with Louis under the Garden roof.

In Simple Justice

All these figures haven't been extracted from the archives for the purpose of belittling the gaffers of other days. They were good men and true, those old-timers, almost as good as their surviving rooters say they were. But there are good men about the country these days, too, and Shufflin' Joe Louis is one of them. Any line of argument brought forward to disparage the Dark Destroyer can be switched to knock over the idols of other days in like manner. It's just a case of a critic picking his spots and he can prove what he wants either way.

The convincing proof of the Shuffler's class is that if he doesn't knock his opponent flat in a jiffy it is set down as a shabby performance on his part.

Joe's Mother Proud Of Her Son

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THE FIRST thing that hits the eye as you walk into the pleasant home of Mrs. Lily Brooks Barrow at 2100 McDougal street in Detroit, is a striking drawing of her smiling World's Heavyweight Championship son on the mantle. "To my mother with love—Joe." is the inscription. Clongside of it is a picture of Joe's pretty wife with the inscription. "To a real mother, with love—Marva."

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Joe's Happiest Kayo

"Proud Why! I should say I keep all his clippings. Whenever Joe finishes a fight he comes with Marva to stay for a few days and we go over the clippings together. It's just that you never can tell in fighting and you know some of the best have been upset. . but I'm pretty confident Joe will take care of himself all right in there."

"Mrs. Barrow, after what fight would you say Joe seemed the happiest?"

"Oh, that Schmeling fight," she smiled: "He got the biggest kick out f that even bigge than winning the championship—if that was possible."

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EXHIBITION BOUTS FAIL TO DRAW, JOE LOUIS QUITS TOUR

Managers Cancel Nation-Wide Barnstorming Tour Says Public "Froze Up" On Bomber

NEW YORK. — Claims that the public wanted none of Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis in exhibition bouts, were advanced here this week as the Louis management's reason for canceling the champion's barnstorming tour.

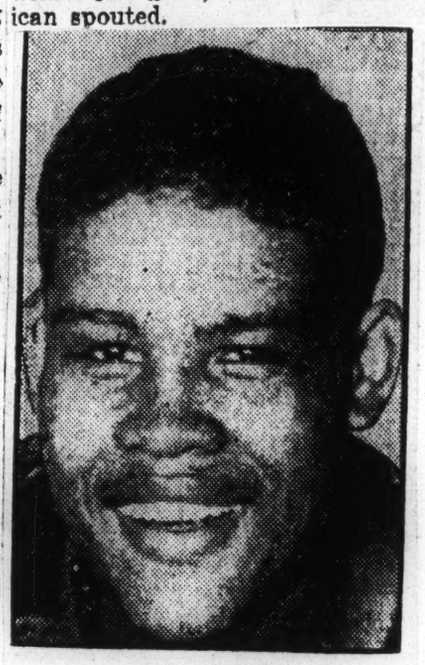
The public "froze up on a role it didn't want to see him in," a newspaper quoted Louis managers as saying.

In Chicago now resting and relaxing, Louis will commence training shortly for his February 9 defense of his title at Madison Square Garden against Arturo Godoy, Chilean challanger, who arrived in New York a few weeks ago.

Godoy, whose best fighting weight is about 194 pounds, came to New York scaling 200 pounds and confident of taking the title back home with him.

Managed by Al Weill, the manager of Lou Ambers, Godoy has been bragging in the last few weeks about a "great left hook" he has developed since he last appeared here in 1937.

"Tony Galento had Louis on the floor and almost knocked him out with a left hook," the South American spouted.



JOE LOUIS

LOUIS ON WAY ON SECOND MILLION; HAILED BY CRITICS

DETROIT, Mich., Sept. 28.—"The king is in his counting-house . . . counting out his money!"

The king has just collected $118,400 for putting a "black-out" on Bob Pastor, and the guns of fistiania boom forth, saluting His Royal Highness, Joe Louis, for his forty-fourth conquest and eighth successful defensive stand since he took over the throne on June 22, 1936.

CROWN IS SECURE

Once again they are hailing Louis, the King who revolutionized the boxing game, as the peer of all titleholders. Upon his bronze brow rests the toga of boxing more firmly than ever, and the royal robe of perfection still caresses his powerful shoulders and dynamite-laden arms.

HAS MADE A MILLION

Joe Louis' total earnings now exceed $1,695,000. He is now nearing the record of $2,000,000 made by Jack Dempsey, when the "Manassa Mauler" was campaigning in the ring.

JOE POCKETS $118,000 FOR PASTOR KAYO

Had Handlers Worried by Delay in Finishing The Fight

9-29-39

DETROIT. —(ANP)— Joe Louis went around to Mike Jacobs' temporary office here Thursday to collect a check for $118,400 for knockout Bob Pastor in 11 rounds the night before, and it was revealed for the first time that the champion's handlers had spent a very worried half hour or so between the second and the final frame.

"Joe certainly had all of us on edge," said his co-manager, John Roxborough, Thursday. "For a time we were reconciled to the fact that anything would happen. "After the second round he was sent out to finish the job as quickly as possible. But when he didn't do it, we began to wonder. I told Jack Blackburn to tell him I wanted him to end it quickly. When Jack came back down the steps, he looked at me and said, 'I told him but he just grunted.' And he just grunted after each round when Blackburn kept telling him that I wanted him to finish the job.

"Then along about the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth rounds we began to wonder what was wrong. Joe didn't speak when he came to the corner. He just grunted.

"We didn't know whether he was tiring, whether he had injured his hands or wether he had suddenly lost is punch. But we felt that something was wrong.

"Then came the end of the tenth. When Blackburn came down the steps from the ring he looked at me and said, 'Joe just told me that this would be the last round. He'll finish him now.'

"That just what he did. But he sure had all of us guessing through those last four rounds."

When Louis attended the luncheon Jacobs put on Thursday as the finale to his Detroit production, he didn't have a mark to show for the fight except a slight redness alongside his right eye. With the check in his pocket, he grinned amiably when answering all questions.

In addition to the $118,400, he will get a share of the $17,500 paid for exclusive radio rights and also another settlement for the motion pictures. The fight drew 32,199 cash customers who paid $347,870.

It seemed to the majority that Pastor would never weather the first round, when he went down four times. When he was knocked to the canvas for the fifth time in the second, it was considered curtains.

But Louis, remembering the first Pastor bout, bided his time and waited until he got a certain shot. This came in the eleventh round after 38 seconds of fighting.

Joe said afterward this was the only time he caught Pastor coming in. At each of the five early knockdowns, Bob was hit going away and missed the full force of the blow. Louis weighed 200 to 183 for Pastor.

CHICAGO IS CONSIDERED FOR BATTLE

Julian Black Favors The Windy City For Next Title Go

Chicago Defender

9-30-39

By FRANK A. YOUNG

DETROIT, Sept. 29 — Although Bob Pastor, former New York university football star and ex-New York Golden Gloves heavyweight champion, stayed 10 rounds and 38 seconds of the 11th with Joe Louis, world's heavyweight champion, in a scheduled 20-round bout Wednesday night, Sept. 20, at the Briggs stadium, Pastor is definitely out of the picture for a return bout with Louis.

Julian Black

"Louis has beaten him twice, this time by a knockout, and I see no reason why Joe should fight him again," Julian Black, co-manager of the champion, said in Louis' dressing room after the fight.

Asked if Tony Galento would be Louis' next opponent, Black told the Chicago Defender that "they" (meaning Louis and his two managers) were ready to take on Galento anytime Galento was ready. From Mike Jacobs, who promotes all of Louis' fights, it was learned that the Galento-Louis bout would be in June.

The Galento versus Louis second bout will most likely be held in Chicago.

Favors Chicago for Galento Go

Asked what the prospects were for Chicago landing the title scrap, Black said he would do everything in his power to bring the fight to the Windy City. "In fact," he said, "I am going to work hard to have it held in Chicago. Why not? The Chicago fans have been loyal to Joe and have gone to New York on many occasions and they came here. They deserve a break."

Louis will fight no more this year.

The Pastor bout was his eighth defense of his title since winning it from James J. Braddock in Comiskey park, Chicago, in June 1937.

Braddock was at the ringside as was Gene Tunney who retired undefeated heavyweight champion. While waiting for the two principals of the main bout to enter the ring, Braddock was the first of the two former heavyweight champions to climb through the ropes and to be introduced.

Louis sat in his dressing room watching the flashlight bulbs explode as cameramen took hundreds of shots. He held a small ice bag to his left cheek, under the eye. It was swollen a bit. After a few minutes, Louis handed the ice bag to Larry Amadee, assistant to Jack Blackburn, trainer for Louis.

Blackburn pointed to Joe's face. There wasn't a mark on the champion's countenance. "You see for yourself," said Blackburn. "Chappie looks like he had been to a ball. Guess he had, the way Pastor was on his bicycle all evening."

Braddock was in the dressing room after the fight. "When Louis catches up with you, it's murder," Braddock told reporters. He added, "He throws punches so fast you can't get out of the way. He is a great two-fisted champion. I will say that much for him."

"How do you feel Joe," the champion was asked.

"I feel all right."

Louis said Pastor was the gamest fighter he ever met. "He is the greatest defensive fighter I ever fought," Joe declared. Outside of Primo Carnera, Pastor recovered quicker than any of his opponents, Louis told the reporters.

He said he used his left hand less than in any bout since he defeated Braddock for the world's title.

Asked if Pastor hurt him, Louis shook his head "no." After a pause, Joe said, "He shook me up in the eighth but it didn't hurt. Pastor is fast and game."

The champion declared that he didn't hit Pastor as hard as he hit Galento. "If I had, he'd stayed down. I couldn't get set because he kept going away with the blow," Louis said.

He didn't see any reason why he should chase Pastor and try to corner him. "What would be the use?" Joe inquired. "I didn't want to break my hands."

Louis left by plane Thursday afternoon for Chicago after attending a press conference at the Statler hotel.

Pastor Badly Cut

Pastor, unlike Louis, was severely punished. Joe had ruthlessly cut him down, biding his time and went out in the 11th to end it. Between the 10th and the 11th he told his handlers that he would finish Pastor in the next round.

Pastor blamed the blood which came from the cut over the right eye for his being knocked out. He said that he didn't see the right hand punch coming. The truth of the matter was that Louis hit Pastor a lightening wallop with his left and then shot a terrific right to the jaw which ended the bout.

When Pastor stayed down, Louis was surprised. Asked why, the champion said, "He got up three times in the first and once in the second, didn't he?"

Jimmy Johnston, manager of Pastor and a great showman, rushed into Joe's dressing room and shook the champion's hand. He clamored for another fight for Pastor. Joe made no answer. Johnston rushed out to tell the newspapermen that Louis was willing to fight Pastor again. "Why he just told me so," Johnston shouted.

THE JOE LOUIS' WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IS GAY EVENT

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Louis Barrow returned from Detroit on Sunday just in time to celebrate their fourth wedding anniversary at the Grand Terrace. Just a small party of friends joined them in the celebration but it was a most enjoyable affair, and a very pretty one. The stunning Marva was beautiful in a gown of gold moire with black accessories. She wore a cerise turban and black spun glass shoes. Three orchids perched on her shoulder added a delicate color contrast.

The party stayed and sipped and supped through two shows. The famous couple received many flowers, telegrams and other messages from their host of friends. Among those seen enjoying the lovely event were Mr. and Mrs. McKissac Jones, Mr. and Mrs. George Jones, Leon Kelly, Mrs. R. A. Cole, Misses Portia Trotter, Novella Trotter and Gladys Trotter, Mrs. Barrow's sisters; Mr. and Mrs. Julian Black, Sonny Wilson of Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. Strickland of Dallas, Texas; Mrs. John S. Riley of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Curtis Poree, Mr. and Mrs. F. Downer, Mrs. Fred Ginyard, Charles Glenn, Miss Gladys Wilkes, Ald and Mrs. Benjamin Grant.

'Bomber' Joe Heard Over Radio Chain

World's heavyweight champion Joe Louis took the radio Tuesday night and told the story of his life and success as a prizefighter on the "We the People" program aired over the Columbia Broadcasting system.

Also sharing honors with the fistic king was Dr. George Washington Carver, internationally famous scientist, who discovered that the peanut was capable of producing numerous other items including rubber.

Louis faced the microphone with the same ease he does when he enters the ring for a title battle. He answered the questions put to him by the announcer and at the conclusion of the program was beseiged by autograph seekers.

Dr. Carver, who was quizzed by Col. Theodore Roosevelt, has been director of Agricultural Research at Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Ala., for 41 years. Experts say he's done more to help Southern farmers than probably any other living man. Dr. Carver, born a slave, has become one of the world's leading scientists.

CHILEAN CHAMP LOUIS' NEXT FOE

NEW YORK, Oct. 10.—(AP)—Promoter Mike Jacobs today said Arturo Godoy, Chilean heavyweight, had displaced Lou Nova, of California, as No. 1 prospect for a February 9 bout in Madison Square Garden with Champion Joe Louis.

Jacobs originally had favored Nova, beaten his last time out by Two-Ton Tony Galento, but has swung to the South American since learning the latter is planning another trip to the United States.

Godoy, holder of the South American heavyweight title and winner of two decisions over Galento in 1937, has never been knocked out or floored. He is due here next month.

CHAMP LOUIS DROPS PLANS ON DIXIE TOUR

Bomber May Appear Here For One-Night Stand In Next Few Weeks

The proposed Southern tour of the world's heavyweight champion, Joe Louis, has been canceled, according to word received yesterday by the local boxing promoter, Jimmy Erwin, from Julian Black, comanager of Louis, from Chicago.

Prior to the Tony Galento and Joe Louis fight Erwin made a trip to New York for a conference with Joe Louis and his managers relative to booking them for an exhibition tour of the South. Managers Black and John Roxborough advised Erwin that after the Galento fight they would consider plans for making such a tour.

Before plans could be put into effect articles were signed for Louis to meet Bob Pastor at Detroit, which called for Louis to go into training immediately. So Erwin was notified that arrangements for the four would have to be delayed until after the fight in Detroit. Immediately after the Detroit fight negotiations were resumed relative to the champion showing down South. Yesterday word was received from Black that they deemed it best to cancel the tour for this time. However, Erwin was advised that they would consider a one-night appearance in Birmingham a little later on after Joe had rested up, but he did not want to accept anything that would necessitate his being away from home over 24 hours.

So Matchmaker Erwin is now endeavoring to arrange a date for Birmingham the last of October or the first part of November wherein the champion may appear in a three-round boxing exhibition bout. So unless something unforeseen happens Birmingham may yet have an opportunity of seeing Louis in action within the next two months

CHAMPION STILL HAS JOB WITH FORD CO.

Plant Calls Joe Back to Work At His Old Job—Will Keep Notice as a Souvenir.

DETROIT, Oct. 12—(By Robert A. Crump for ANP)—Times may be hard and the coming winter might be long and severe, but come what may, World's Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis will be able to keep the wolf from his door, because he can get his old job back in the foundry at the Ford Motor Company.

No, this is not a joke. If it is the joke is on the personnel department at Ford's River Rouge plant for on Thursday, September 21, the day after the champ had knocked out Bob Pastor in the 11th round of their scheduled 20-round championship fight at Briggs Stadium here, Joe Louis received an employment card from the Ford Motor Co. calling him back to work on his old job in the foundry where he was formerly employed.

Not by way of disparagement, however, on the part of Ford, but rather the regular routine of the employment department in calling, alphabetically, former employees back to work. While it is a known fact that the Brown Bomber, Joe Louis Barrow, has not worked at the Ford plant in some four or five years, his name was still on the roll of former Ford men.

When Joe received the card, he merely smiled, according to his mother, Mrs. Lily Brooks, and his only comment was: "I'll keep this for a souvenir." Tucking it safely away in his pocket, the champ a few days later left for Chicago.

JOE LOUIS GIVES $1,000 TO CHEST

DETROIT, Nov. 24—John Dancey of the Urban League, an arden worker for the Community Fund drive, announced this week that Joe Louis and his manager, John Roxborough, had donated $1,000 to the Detroit Community Chest, doubling their contribution of last year.

Joe Louis, guest of the Community fund committee Tuesday, Nov 16, at the Statler hotel, first came in contact with the project, as a small boy at the Chestnut street Settlement

Joe Louis Again Wins Ring Award As Best For Year

Brown Bomber Picked For Fourth Time As No. 1 Man Of Boxing

NEW YORK—(AP)—For the fourth time in his five years in the ring, Joe Louis receives the Ring Magazine's annual "merit award" as the fighter of the year for 1939.

For the Brown Bomber's record accomplishment of knocking out four rivals to his heavyweight championship in one year, 51 of the 116 experts from all over the world who voted in the magazine's poll named Louis No. 1 on their list. Billy Conn, who skyrocketed to the light-heavyweight title during the year, gave Louis a fight of it, polling a total of 45 votes. Tony Galento was third.

The Ring's editor, Nat Fleischer, announcing the results of the balloting for the magazine's February issue, wrote that he believed "that in 1939 Louis achieved the peak of his career."

Louis was one of three champions rated alone at the top of his division in the Ring's annual rankings. Conn was placed by himself at the head of the light-heavyweights, and Henry Armstrong was undisputed top man among the welterweights.

Galento, who floored Louis in their bouts last Summer, was rated above Bob Pastor, of New York, in the leading group of heavyweight challengers. Gus Lesnevich, of Cliffside, N. J., most recent of Conn's light-heavyweight victims, led group two among the 175-pounders, trailed by former Titleholder Melio Bettina, of Beacon, N. Y., and Len Harvey, of England, in that order.

Armstrong's leading welterweight rivals were listed in group two as Ernie Roderick, of England; Holman Williams, of Chicago; Fritzie Zivic and Charley Burley, of Pittsburgh and Pedro Montanez, who tangles with the titleholder next month.

In other weight divisions, the leaders were:

Middleweights:

Group 1—Ceferino Garcia, Philippines, and Al Hostak, Seattle.

Group 2—(1) Ron Richards, Australia; (2) Ken Overlin, Washington; (3) Ben Brown, Atlanta; (4) Fred Apostoli, San Francisco.

Lightweights:

Group 1—(1) Champion Lou Ambers, Herkimer, N. Y.; (2) Sammy Angott, Louisville and Pittsburgh; (3) Davey Day, Chicago.

Group 2—(1) Leo Rodak, Chicago; (2) Jackie Wilson, Los Angeles; (3) Wes Ramey, Grand Rapids, Mich.; (4) George Crouch, Los Angeles.

Featherweights:

Group 1 — (1) Champion Joey Archibald, Providence, R. I.; (2) Pete Scalzo, New York; (3) Simon Chavez, Venezuela; (4) Dave Castilloux, Toronto; (5) Harry Jeffra, Baltimore.

Bantamweights:

Group 1—(1) Sixto Escobar, Puerto Rico; (2) K. O. Morgan, Detroit; (3) Tony Olivera, Oakland Calif.; (4) Lou Salica, Brooklyn; (5) George Pace, Cleveland. (Escobar has vacated the title, but did most of his 1939 campaigning as a bantamweight.)

Flyweights:

Group 1 — Little Dado, Philippines; (2) Enrico Urbanati, Italy.

Al Davis, Brooklyn welterweight, was listed as the most promising fighter of the year, and Pat Comiskey, of Paterson, N. J., as the most promising heavyweight.

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JOE LOUIS

Reporter Interviews Joe's Mother

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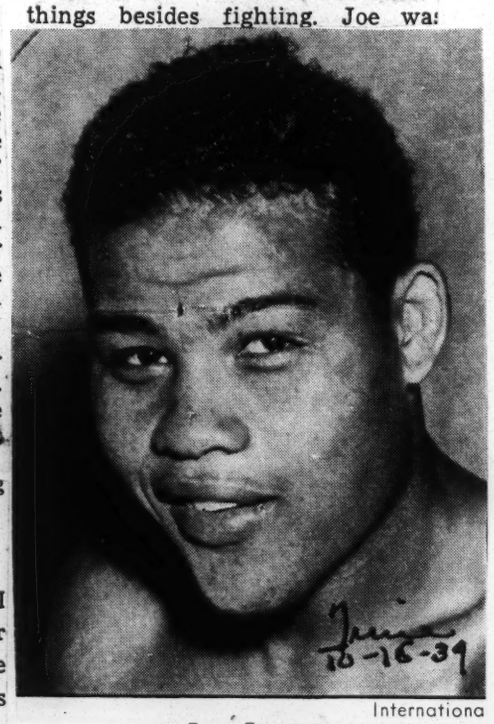

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By LESTER RODNEY

The first thing that hits the eye as you walk into the pleasant home of Mrs. Lily Brooks Barrow, at 2100 McDougal street in Detroit, is a striking drawing of her smiling world's heavyweight championship son on the mantle. "To my mother with love—Joe," is the inscription. Alongside of it is a picture of Joe's pretty wife with the inscription, "To a real mother with love —Marva." Defender 10-14-39

Mrs. Barrow settled back in a chair. "I'm glad that fight is over. I'm always worried about Joe's getting hurt. Of course I know he's equipped to take care of himself—very well equipped—but I guess a mother just has to worry about her son." Joe Louis' mother is a soft-spoken middle-aged woman with a fine sensitive face, a face bearing the lines that any mother who brought up eight children through the poverty of an Alabama cotton plantation hut and the Detroit slums must have.

"Then you didn't approve when Joe first started fighting as an amateur?" I asked.

ONCE STUDIED VIOLIN

She laughed. "No, I thought fighting was a pretty awful thing. I wanted him to be a musician, and gave him violin lessons for a while. You know, Joe is very interested in music. But he never gave that fiddle much attention once he started to fight. I guess he knew he could go further in fighting. I guess he was right at that."

What kind of youngster was Joe? Did he have any street fights as a kid

"No, Joe was a good boy, as good as any, that is. Not a sissy. He could only go to the seventh grade in school because he had to go to work. We had a hard time after moving up from Alabama.

"Joe was about 12 when we left the plantation and came to Detroit. He began to work on an ice wagon when he left school at 14. Then, later when he was 16 he got a job at Briggs' factory, then at Ford's."

I asked Mrs. Barrow if she had ever had occasion to spank Joe when he was little. She smiled at the memory. "I guesss I had a few decisions over him."

"But you must be pretty proud of his success, even at the fighting you don't like?"

brought up in a family of eight poor children in miserable conditions. He had to leave school. Do you think he'd ever forget that, or that he doesn't know other boys like him have a hard time of it? You see, he rushes around so much, training and fighting and all, that he doesn't get around to talking about such things. Like I said, he concentrates. But I know he gives very liberally to charities and would do what he could. My Lord, of course he knows!"

GOES TO CHURCH

She added that Joe and Marva went to the Baptist church with her on occasions and that the pastor was one of the many fighting for better housing for Detroit's "Harlem," and against the police brutality prevalent in Detroit of late.

"Of course, even though Joe likes to go to church, I wouldn't say that he prays before his fights. I guess he's found out that the Lord helps those who hit the hardest."

SISTER AT HOWARD

We chatted a while more and then the clock struck three. Mrs. Barrow jumped up. "You'll have to excuse me for a little while. I've got to send my baby off to school."

The "baby" turned out to be Joe's pretty 19-year-old sister, Vunies. She's going back for her senior year at Howard university, where she's majoring in history and political science. She hopes to teach.

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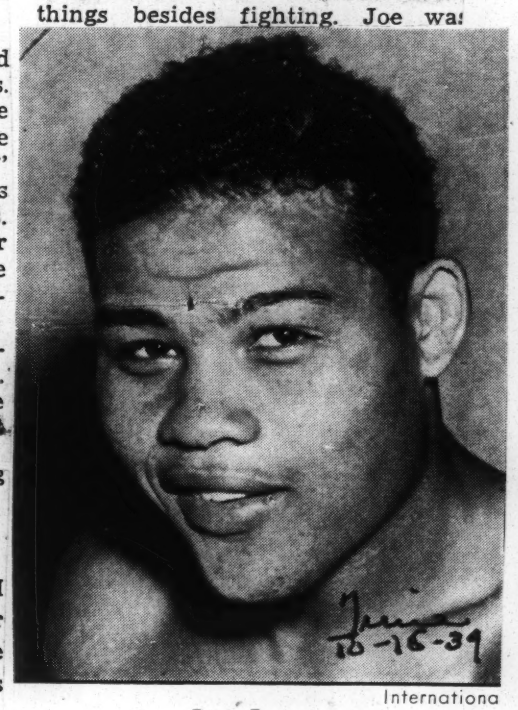

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night on 30-year old legs.

Scientist Carver Greets Champion Joe Louis

Journal and Guide 10-14-39 Norfolk, Va.

SCENES AS DR. George Washington Carver, famed scientist of Tuskegee, joined Joe Louis, world's heavyweight boxing champion and other celebrities on a recent coast-to-coast radio program.

Dr. Carver will be one of the three persons receiving the Theodore Roosevelt medals October 27. The medals are awarded annually in certain fields associated with Theodore Roosevelt's career. The awards were established by the Roosevelt Memorial Association in 1923. The other two recipients are white.

In the photo, upper left, Dr. Carver greets Joe Louis as Gabriel Heatter, who conducts the program, looks on. Upper right: Joe listens attentively as the aged teacher gives a word of advice; lower center: Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, who served as assistant master of ceremonies, looks over the script with Joe Louis and Professor Carver.

The program was broadcast from Chicago as a feature of the American Legion Convention and was witnessed by 5,000 spectators. (ANP)

For The Spingarn Award—Champion Joe Louis

Journal & Guide 11-18-39

Editor, Journal and Guide: As I understand it, the Spingarn Award is made yearly to the Negro who has made achievements most creditable to his race. Since this is true, I know of no other Negro who has brought more credit to our race than Joe Louis. I think this would be particularly appropriate in view of the fact that the past recipients of the medal have been outstanding in the fields of music, literature, art, religion and science.

Ever since prize-fighting made its debut many centuries ago, the concensus of opinion has been that prize-fighting is brutal combat fought without a knowledge of science, and only brutes and ignorant persons engaged in it. It is encouraging to note that during the past two decades such an evaluation of prize-fighting has been dissipated and the sport has been proved to be a game of science, portraying true sportsmanship, and dependent upon clean living for its success.

Education is a proces of drawing out of the individual that which is within. The science of boxing such as Joe Louis has shown, is given to an individual of his calibre, and such a person is born only every hundred years. I know of no other science more difficult than that of boxing.

No matter what professor or field one may choose, if he rules and heads that profession, he is a master or doctor of the same. Joe Louis is a Ph. D. in his profession because he not only masters it, but heads the heavyweight division. Joe Louis has convinced the world that a Negro can be a clean, Christian-like and industrious fighter. He has proved conclusively that the Negro, if properly prepared, and guided right by his leaders, will become a supreme individual.

Louis' wholesome habits make him continuously prepared for fighting. His managers and trainer, as we know, have mapped out every path that led to his economic maintenance and security. And he has proved that he can be taught, and that he heeds the advice and teaching of his advisors.

Personally, I believe prize-fighting has been underestimated as to its educational value. Although Joe Louis says very little when approached, he has taught us that education consists of a taking in of external guidances and he actually directs his efforts in tune to his guidances.

Because no other prize fighter in ring history has so distinguished himself, I believe Louis should be elevated through the Spingarn Award. After all, a monument does bring to the memory thoughts and facts one may have forgotten by reading books. Such a presentation will place a proper evaluation upon this wholesome, clean, and sportsmanlike profession. I hope the committee on the Spingarn Award will consider this year's most worthy recipient, Joe Louis, heavyweight champion of the world!

—THADDEUS C. SMITH

Norfolk, Va.

St. Louis Boy Helped Champion Joe Louis

LOUIS OFFICIAL SPARRING MATES

Left to right—George Nicholson, New York, Wm. Snell, Chicago, Monroe Harrison of St. Louis who captured the hearts of the training camp with his constant, aggressiveness and clever style, co-manager Julian Black. Holman Williams, Roscoe Toles.

Blackburn Rates Louis As The Best Heavyweight Of All; Asserts Joe Could Beat Old Battlers

NORTHVILLE, Mich.—Trainer at Blackburn took time off last week from his task of getting Joe ready for his title defense against Bob Pastor in Detroit later this month to declare that he now thinks the champion is greater even than Sam Langford.

"It may sound like applesauce coming from me, because I'm the boy's trainer," Blackburn said "but I honestly believe he's th greatest heavyweight who eve lived and could have licked al the other champions in thei prime."

It was recalled that a few years ago Blackburn was asked how Louis compared with the oldtimers. The trainer, himself one of the ring greats of another day, gave the nod to Louis over all the others until someone brought up Langford's name.

Lauds Langford

"Boy, now you're talking about a fighter," Blackburn said at that time. "Old Sam was a real fighter He and Joe would be a whale of a battle."

His attitude indicated Langford would have whipped Joe. Reminded of this last week, Blackburn said, "We're talking about a different Louis now. Joe is a better fighter since Schmeling stopped him. He's changed all around. He doesn't fool around anymore. He goes out and fires instead of letting the other guy do it.

Louis of today would beat old Sam, and with his left hand. Most people think Joe just jabs with his left, but they're wrong. It's what what you call a half hook and he'd tear your head off with it—just like he did Schemeling when they met the last time."

Could Beat 'Em All

Telling how the titleholder could have whipped the old champions, Blackburn said, "Sullivan was big and slow and easy to hit Joe couldn't have missed him.

Corbett was a good baxer, but couldn't keep a hard hitter away from him. Fitzsimmons proved that when he knocked Corbett out and I think Joe hits harder than Fitz did. Fitz could hit all right but he had long arms and Joe would have gotten inside of him easy then hooked until he quit.

"Jeffries was too slow and he was muscle-bound. Maybe he wouldn't have taken long. fighting from a crouch but when he straightened up, Joe would have nailed him. Jack Johnson was next. He couldn'a punch He was a waiter. Joe would have walked into him like he did last summer against Schmeling. It wouldn't have token long.

Gene Couldn'a Punch

"Willard was big and slow and it would have been only a matter of time for Joe, just like it was when he fought Carnera. Dempsey would have given Joe a great fight but I think Joe would have beaten him to the punch, for Jo punches straight. A straight puncher wins ever time.

"Tunney was just like old Fitz He couldn't hit hard enough to keep a hard, fast puncher like Joe away from him. Don't forget, Dempsey caught Tunney and he was an old man when he caught him and put him down for that long count."

NEW CHALLENGER SOUGHT FOR LOUIS

Elimination Tourney Is Plan of Mike Jacobs—Galento's

Pilot Bars Pastor Fight

CHAMPION GETS $118,400

Only Dempsey and Tunney Are Ahead of Him on All-Time Ring List for Earnings

By JAMES P. DAWSON

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

DETROIT, Sept. 21—Although he asserted last night after his knockout of Bob Pastor that he would not fight again until next Summer, Joe Louis very likely will appear indoors in January. Mike Jacobs, president of the Twentieth Century Sporting Club of New York, declared today he intended to promote a battle in January at Madison Square Garden in New York between the champion and whichever opponent would seem "worthy."

Jacobs explained that he planned two or three bouts between now and the first of the year to produce a rival for Louis in January. The promoter, however, refused to reveal the names of the fighters he had in mind for his own special "elimination" tournament.

Joe Jacobs, manager of Tony Galento, inserted himself definitely into the picture today on behalf of his warrior. "My Tony gave Joe Louis the toughest fight he has had since the time Max Schmeling knocked him out, and my Tony is the only man you have to consider when you talk about Louis's next opponent," declared Joe.

Louis Bout or None

"All the talk about Galento fighting Bob Pastor is nothing more than rumor," Jacobs went on, "and you can rest assured that we will not do anything at all until Louis consents to fight us."

Promoter Jacobs closeted himself with Joe Triner, chairman of the Illinois Athletic Commission, for some time this afternoon, and it was generally agreed that the gist of their conversation had to do with staging a bout between Galento and Louis in Chicago next year.

Louis and his vanquished rival of last night were quite friendly today. They posed for motion pictures together, and each praised the other's ability as a fighter. Mike Jacobs was host at a dinner to which both fighters were invited, but Louis alone put in an appearance, Pastor sending his manager, James J. Johnston, along to represent him.

Pastor Gets $51,800

The Brown Bomber collected $118,400.40 for the fight and Pastor realized $51,800. Gross receipts were $347,870.65, and the net $296,000. Louis's check elevated him to the third rank of all-time ring wage-earners, behind only Jack Dempsey and Gene Tunney. Dempsey's total income as a fighter was almost $3,000,000. Tunney earned $1,750,000, while Louis has made $1,551,322.

The champion will remain here until Sunday. Then he will join his wife in Chicago and they will celebrate their fourth wedding anniversary. Louis married only a few hours before he entered the ring to fight Max Baer in New York four years ago.

Louis, a keen baseball fan, will visit New York next month to witness the Eastern half of the world series. He also will be on hand for the middleweight championship fight between Freddie Apostoli and Ceferino Garcia, listed for New York on Oct. 2.

Pastor, accompanied by his wife, planned to leave Detroit by boat for Buffalo and from there they will motor to their Summer home in Saratoga Springs.

4 More Title Defenses, Then Joe Will Quit

Galento Only Definite Opponent for Champ, Fight Set for Next June May Be Held in Detroit

(Special to the Daily Worker)

DETROIT, Sept. 21.—Joe Louis will defend his heavyweight title just four more times and call it a career.

The champion, already well ahead of all previous title holders after his eighth straight successful defense against Bob Pastor here last night, confided today that his ambition is to run his victorious title defense up to an even dozen and leave the ring as the greatest heavyweight of all time beyond dispute.

The only definite opponent on the horizon is Tony Galento, who earned return shot at Joe by his knockout of Lou Nova. Joe is willing to meet Tony again next June in a bout that may be held in this town, a town that goes strong for its home-bred champion. After that he'll meet any three logical contenders that develop and want a crack at the crown.—RODNEY.

FITE FIGURES

DETROIT, Spt. 21 (UP).—Promoter Mike Jacobs anounced gross receipts of $347,870 and a paid attendance of 32,199 for the Joe Louis-Bob Pastor bout last night.

The net gate was $296,000 and the gross attendance 33,868.

Louis Pockets $118,000 For Bob Pastor's Kavo

Detroit, Sept. 24 (ANP)—Joe Louis went around to Mike Jacobs' temporary office here Thursday to collect a check for $118,000 for knocking out Bob Pastor in 11 rounds the night before, and it was revealed for the first time that the champion's handlers had spent a very worried half hour or so between the second and the final frame.

"Joe certainly had all of us on edge," said his co-manager, John Roxborough, Thursday. "For a time we were reconciled to the fact that anything would happen.

"After the second round he was sent out to finish the job as quickly as possible. But when he didn't do it, we began to wonder. I told Jack Blackburn to tell him I wanted him to end it quickly. When Jack came back down the steps, he looked at me and said, 'I told him but he just grunted.' And he just grunted after each round when Blackburn kept telling him that I wanted him to finish the job.

"Then along about the fifth, sixth seventh, and eighth rounds we began to wonder what was wrong. Joe didn't speak when he came to the corner. He just grunted.

"We didn't know whether he was tiring, whether he had injured his hands or whether he had suddenly lost his punch. But we felt that something was wrong.

"Then came the end of the 10th. When Blackburn came down the steps from the ring he look at me and said, Joe told me that this would be the last round. He'll finish him now.'

"That's just what he did. But he sure had all of us guessing through those last four rounds."

When Louis attended the luncheon Jacobs put on Thursday as the finale to his Detroit production, he didn't have a mark to show for the fight except a slight redness along side his right eye. With the check in his pocket, he grinned amiably when answering all questions. In addition to the $118,400, he will get a share of the $17,500 paid for exclusive radio rights ad also another settlement for the motion pictures. The fight drew 32,199 cash customers who paid $347,870.

It seemed to the majority that Pastor would never weather the first round, when he went down four times. When he as knocked to the canvas for the fifth time in the second, it was considered curtains. But Louis remembering the first Pastor bout, bided his time and waited until he got a certain shot. This came in the 11th round after 38 seconds of fighting.

Joe said afterwards this was the only time he caught Pastor coming in. At each of the five early knockdowns Bob was hit going away and missed the full force of the blow. Louis weighed 200 to 183 for Pastor.

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Champion Retains Title In Battle And Footrace, Finally Catches Challenger In 11th

Pastor Down In Early And 11th Rounds; Bomber Not So Hot!

By SID FEDER

BRIGGS STADIUM, DETROIT, Sept. 20.—(AP)—Minus just about all of the fire and fury that has chopped down his most recent opponents mercilessly, but still packing dynamite in his fists, Joe Louis knocked out Bob Pastor in 11 rounds tonight to retain his world's heavyweight championship.

But he was no longer the Brown Bomber, the dusky destroyer who dynamited Max Schmeling, John Henry Lewis and Tony Galento so completely.

He had Pastor down on the floor four times in the first round from right hand punches, and again in the second the former New York University footballer was on the verge of annihilation. On two other occasions Bob was badly hurt. Yet each time the knockout spark was lacking. Joe was slow to take advantage of the opportunities and seemed unable to box with the gallant rival who came up off the floor, defended beautifully, and even came back to carry the fight to the champion in the later heats.

Pastor tired, however, and that in the end cost him the fight just past the midway mark of the first scheduled 20-round heavyweight title fight in a quarter century. Less than half a minute after the 11th round got under way, Louis suddenly leaped in and fired a short right and Pastor went down.

He rose to his knees at the count of four, but couldn't go any farther. There he huddled, head hanging and blood dripping from a cut over his left eye, as Referee Sam Hennessy counted the full ten over him, finishing at the 38 second mark of the round to give Louis the eighth successful defense of his title since he took it from old Jim Braddock in 1937.

In his dressing room later Pastor said he "didn't see the punch coming."

"My eye was full of blood," he explained, "and I was blinded. The punch paralyzed me and I didn't know anything until I heard the referee counting nine."

Bob climbed on his "bicycle" again this time, just as he back-pedalled in his first fight with Louis in '37, but tonight he came forward time after time to throw short lefts to the face and to land once or twice with a right hand.

With this bout past, Louis looks forward to a return match with Tony Galento, who gave him a lot of trouble for three rounds last June. This fight is scheduled for next Summer. Promoter Mike Jacobs indicated he may give Pastor another crack at the champion, after Bob fights once or twice more, and immediately Jimmy Johnston, Pastor's manager, asked for Galento.

At the start tonight it didn't appear that Pastor was going to last any longer with Louis than did Schmeling, Lewis and Jack Roper, all of whom were put away in less than a round.

Louis came out swinging and belted Bob to the floor with a right near his own corner. Pastor was up with no count, and promptly went down again from a couple more of those terrific right hand bombs. This time he took a nine-count before climbing up but it was only to go down once more, for a count of seven. He weathered the storm for a few moments after that, but was dropped to one knee just at the bell.

A right hand chopped him down for the fifth time as they battled through the second round. Then he trotted out his bicycle and started to back away, boxing beautifully, feinting and circling the champion out of position.

In the fourth, with Louis trailing him like a panther and seeming to be waiting an opening for a right hand shot, Pastor made his first bid. He danced forward and connected with three lefts and a right.

Late in the fifth round Pastor's mouthpiece fell to the canvas, and just before the bell Louis drew blood from inside his unprotected lips with two rights. Again in the sixth Pastor's knees buckled as that right hand cannon fired its shells.

Blood dripped from the cut over Bob's eye, from his nose and from his mouth as Louis moved in, punching in the seventh, but Pastor started to come back then.

He took the fight to the champion in the eighth, backed him against the ropes and forced him to cover up, befuddled as he tossed both hands to the jaw. He might have floored Joe then, but he was too tired to keep after him. Still he kept up his advance in the ninth and tenth and did not appear too worn out.

Then came the 11th—and the end. Pastor zigged when he should have zagged.

Some reason for Joe's lapses into sluggishness might have come from the weather. It was far more suited for football, as an early evening breeze from the west dropped the thermometer down below the 60-degree mark.

It was Louis's first fight in his home town since he has dominated the heavyweight fight scene.

JOE LOUIS

LOUIS POCKETS $118,000; PLANS LONG VACATION

Bomber's Earnings Now Total $1,669,322; Galento Next Foe.

By SID FEDER.

DETROIT, Sept. 21.—(AP)—Joe Louis pocketed a check for $118,000 today and headed for a vacation, while the scramble went on to determine the next challenger to take a shot at his still intact world's heavyweight crown.

After culling the arguments and rumors that followed his 11-round knockout of Bob Pastor before a crowd of 32,199 in Briggs stadium last night, the following seemed the most likely developments on the way:

1. Louis, still possessor of the most explosive pair of fists extant, and on the road to becoming the ring's top money-maker, will take in the World Series games in New York, rest for a while before giving a series of exhibitions after the first of the year, and then will prepare himself for his re-match with Tony Galento next June.

NOT AT GALENTO.

2. Pastor will not get a shot at Tony Galento, as proposed by Mike Jacobs. The Jacobs boys—Mike and Joe, songs and patter—gave the folks quite a bit of amusement over that one. When Joe, Tony's manager, heard Mike had suggested a Galento-Pastor get-together for Madison Square Garden this winter, he whispered his refusal in a quiet voice which couldn't be heard any farther than across the international border.

3. Pastor may meet Lou Nova, recent victim of Galento, this winter, or there's the possibility that Billy Conn, the fighting Irishman out of Pittsburgh, who defends his light-heavyweight championship Monday night against Melio Bettina, may be trotted out for display with some of the leading heavies.

VARIED OPINION.

There was a wide difference of opinion as to just how much class Louis did or did not show last night in flattening the former New York University footballer. Many even went so far as to say he is slipping, has passed his peak. The one fact unanimously agreed on, however, was that he is one of the most dangerous punchers in all fistic history, possibly the "dynamiting-est" bomber of them all.

He hit Pastor with right-hand shots last night that wouldn't have done even the armored plate on a battleship any good. But for Bob's splendid recuperative powers, the fight wouldn't have seen even the second round.

Slipping or not, however, Joe is on the road now to being the champion cut loose with a hard right that hurt. He closed in with a left and right, then missed two rights. Pastor hurt Louis with a hard right delivered after he had found Louis' head with a left and right. Louis landed flush on Pastor's jaw with a bruising right and he went down. There was no count.

Quick to follow up his advantage, the Bomber rushed in and flailed his man with another dynamite blast with that deadly right hand. Pastor was down for the count of nine. Joe came in again, shot out another right which again dropped "Bicycle Bob" to the resin for a count of nine, but, immediately after the game challenger got back to his feet, the gong sounded and ended the round.

FIGHTERS SPAR, FEINT

Both battlers sparred and feinted cautiously about the ring in the second round, Louis landing numerous punches that Pastor weathered well. Pastor caught the Champion with a hard right to the body that made the Bomber wince, then missed lefts. He followed with a light left and right. Louis, timing beautifully, threw in a wicked left hook started from six inches out and cut Pastor down to the canvas for the fourth time. Pastor took a nine-count, plunging a hard right to Joe's jaw with the gong.

Louis won the third round on aggressiveness and punches more cleanly landed than his game foe, but the fourth round was a stalemate, neither man getting an effective blow.

PASTOR EVADES CHAMPION

Pastor won the fifth and eighth rounds by cleverly evading Louis when he tried with his vaunted left hook, catching him repeatedly with rights which did not hurt the champion but which did chalk up clean points for the challenger.

Louis staggered Pastor with a hard right in the fading seconds of the fifth, but had already lost the round on points.

TRAINER WHISPERS TO JOE

Jack Blackburn cupped his mouth and whispered something to Louis after the fifth round. The Bomber came out of his corner fast, opened up a barrage of left hooks, and twice jarred his man with stiff rights, but the angles were bad. Louis landed repeatedly in the seventh by following the same left hook design of the previous stanza. Again, in the middle of the round, he staggered Pastor.

Pastor was in trouble at the close of the seventh after a tattoo of lefts and rights to the head and body. "Bicycle Bob's" knees showed the veriest sign of collapsing any minute.

That, too, was a contradiction, or else Pastor was staking everything on finishing Louis, probably aware he couldn't go on. Because the gallant New Yorker tore into the champion with so little respect and such frequent flurry of rights and lefts, none serious, that the crowd came to its feet. It was Pastor's round.

9TH, 10TH CAUTIOUS

The ninth and tenth rounds were slow and cautious. Louis landed the only effective blows thrown, but Pastor seemed revived and ready to go the full route.

Just when everybody was satisfied the dope bucket was not only upset but bent up and trampled on as well, Louis stepped out in the eleventh round and ended Pastor's stark misery with two dynamite-laden left hooks to the same jaw.

Helped to dressing quarters by his aides, Pastor received a tremendous hand as he wobbled his way deliriously through the teem-

Left Hook To Right Jaw Sends Pastor Into Oblivion

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Bomber Dishes out Terrific Beating to Game Challenger To Win Scheduled 20-Rounder

By LUCIUS JONES
(SNS Sports Editor)

BRIGGS STADIUM, DETROIT, Mich.—Feinting with the catlike cunning of a hungry feline preying upon a freightened mouse, World Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis caught up with and knocked "Bicycle Bob" Pastor into total insensibility in the eleventh round of their scheduled 20-round bout here tonight in Briggs Stadium.

The fatal left hook, shot out to Pastor's right jaw with the destroying power of TNT and the speed of unchained lightning sank the former New York University football star to the resin after but 38 seconds of the eleventh round.

PASTOR IS GAME

Pastor, displaying a gameness never before seen in a Detroit prize ring, took one of the worst beatings Louis ever dished out to any opponent. The tell-tale eleventh round found "Bicycle Bob" breathing heavily out of his mouth, his face badly marked as a road map, the upper portion of his body a gory red, and crimson claret dripping from his nostrils. His knees were so woefully weak he literally careened to the canvas. His eyes were wild, glassy, and unseeing. Louis showed only a slight cut over the left eye.

The fight was one of the most startling contradictions in ring history. The experts, almost to a man, had predicted an early kayo, for the Brown Bomber and odds of six to one favored him to do the job. But Pastor confounded all of them so completely that, at the end of the tenth round, the fans settled back in their seats, almost unanimously convinced the battle had just begun.

SAME "KILLER" EXPRESSION

But the Brown Bomber, wearing that same "killer" expression so evident on his usually dead pan countenance at the outset of the fight, came out of his corner like a mad bull, threw two vicious lefts to Pastor's badly battered face—and down he went before the unbelieving eyes of 15,000 seething onlookers.

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There was a wide difference of opinion as to just how much class Louis did or did not show last night in flattening the former New York University footballer. Many even went so far as to say he is slipping, has passed his peak. The one fact unanimously agreed on, however, was that he is one of the most dangerous punchers in all fistic history, possibly the "dynamiting-est" bomber of them all.

He hit Pastor with right hand shots last night that wouldn't have done even the armored plate on a battleship any good. But for Bob's splendid recuperative powers, the fight wouldn't have seen even the second round.

Slipping or not, however, Joe is on the road now to being the greatest money maker in ring history. With the $118,000 he took from last night's gross gate of $347,870, his ring earnings since he traded his automobile factory job for a pair of boxing gloves reached the somewhat staggering total of $1,669,322, just $330,678 short of Jack Dempsey's high of $2,000,000

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Champ Pockets $118,000 From Pastor Combat, Heads For Rest

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HOMETOWN OVATION

The two fighters entered the ring at exactly 9:38 p. m. with actual fighting starting seven minutes later. Pastor arrived first wearing a white chenille robe. There was no evident response from the crowd. A great "home town" ovation was accorded Louis, entering last in his conventional blue robe trimmed in red. He had his head half buried in a white towel.

Both fighters received a tremendous hand when announced by the veteran Harry Balough. The referee, Sam Hennessy, of Detoit, was not made known until just before the battle.

$400,000 GROSSED

It was estimated that $400,000 was grossed on the first major heavyweight fight Louis ever fought in his native Detroit. In beating Pastor before Motor City fans, the Bomber broke an old jinx. He had beaten but failed to knock out both Patsy Perroni and Natie Brown here in 1935.

On the Louis-Pastor card, Roscoe Toles, recently conquered by Pastor himself, won a hard-earned decision over the said Perroni.

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The Fighten'ist Champ of All

Joe Louis' record has never been surpassed

by STAN KURMAN

JOE LOUIS is the fighten'ist heavyweight champ of all time—and the greatest.

There can be no disputing the first statement. The cold figures show that Joe set an all-time record when he made his seventh title defense at the Yankee Stadium recently and belted out Tony Galento in the fourth round. Jack Dempsey held the previous record for most title defenses, having put his crown on the line six times.

But there is still some carping criticism about naming Joe greatest of all time. The critics are few but most of them peculiarly point to the fact that Joe has been knocked down as the reason he isn't the greatest. Nobody has ever said that the Negro champ is a superman. He can be hit and he can be hurt. More credit to him for his ability to get up off the floor to whip his foe as he did against Galento and Braddock.

The next sour note sounded by the captious gents is that Joe has met unworthy foes. Who is worthy for him today? And he has beaten all of the champs and ex-champs since 1930 from Schmeling on down. All of them, Schmeling, Sharkey, Carnera, Baer and Braddock were kayoed by Louis.

And the fact that Louis has defended his title against such opponents as Jack Roper, Nathan Mann and Harry Thomas, is stressed by the snipers as "proof" that he isn't great.

Louis himself explains why he is willing to fight all comers.

"I figure that a champion has to be the best. That's why I'll accept all challengers."

And if the critics go back a bit they'll find that every champ, who rated the label "great," took on easy marks. And many of them refused to take on the top-notchers. Even the great Jack Dempsey, popular champion that he was, ignored the repeated challenges of Harry Wills.

Going back to the legendary John L. Sullivan, who evidently wasn't much more than a colorful brawler, we find that as soon as John L. had to put on gloves instead of fighting bare knuckles he was licked. Coming up against the boxing skill of Jim Corbett, he couldn't do a thing. Corbett, was nothing more than a clever boxer with little punch and went down under the pounding fists of Bob Fitzsimmons, who was only a middleweight. Fitz didn't last long when he faced Jim Jeffries, one who has a serious claim on all-time greatness. Jeff retired undefeated after holding the crown six years. But in that period he had only defended his crown five times and Tom Sharkey was Jeff's only major opponent.

Tommy Burns was never regarded as too much and was battered to submission by Jack Johnson, first Negro champ in ring history. Jack had plenty on the ball but went down to lumbering Jess Willard.

Then came Dempsey—one who really threatens Louis' as great as ever. But although the Manassa Mauler in his prime could have matched Joe's terrific slugging power, Dempsey was far from a polished boxer and even the great Jack was knocked out of the ring by the wild-swinging Firpo. And the only good opponents Dempsey met were Billy Minskey, Tom Gibbons and Gene Tunney. From Tunney on, none of the champs approached greatness. After Tunney, Max Baer had the most stuff on the ball but killed his own chances with playboy antics.

So they all had faults. They all took set-ups and many of them skipped dangerous rivals. Some like Sullivan, Jeffries, Johnson and Dempsey could hit but couldn't box. Others like Corbett and Tunney were brilliant boxers but couldn't punch.

Louis is the greatest ever. None of the old-timers had his double-edged punching power plus his unexcelled boxing skill. And there's no reason why Joe shouldn't be hailed as all-time tops while he's still around, knocking them over.

"JOE LOUIS"

Joe Louis Signs For 20-Round Pastor Go

DETROIT, Mich., July 21 — Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis and Bob Pastor formally signed articles here Wednesday for their 20-round fight at Briggs stadium Sept. 20. Others on hand were Mike Jacobs, promoter; John J. Hettche, Michigan boxing commissioner; John Roxborough and Julian Black, co-managers of Louis, and James J. Johnston, Pastor's manager.

Louis then caught a plane for Chicago, where he was to referee one of the C.Y.O. vs Irish team bouts Wednesday night.

Good Sportsmanship

JOE Louis worked his way up to the heavyweight title in a manner that barred any peradventure of accidental achievement. He defeated nearly every man in the heavyweight class that would box him. He then defeated Braddock, the champion, and in turn disposed of the one man who had defeated him when he was the striking distance of the crown. Since he has been champion he has met all comers, doing more fighting in one year than any previous champion of the past 20 years did during the whole of his title career.

Despite all of this, many sports writers and editorial writers refuse to accord Joe the status of a real champion. They decline to rate him with Corbett, Fitzsimmons, Jeffries, Johnson, Dempsey or Tunney. Because Louis can be hit on the jaw he is not a real champion, so they say. They decline to rate Joe's opponents with those of his predecessors.

All of which, we think, is quite unfair to Louis. The young man has met and defeated the best men that his fighting period has produced. That is all the others did. And who is there to say that with their superior physical training, their superior boxing instructors, their superior training facilities and their cleaner living the men who are prize fighting today are not in many ways superior to those of one, two, three decades ago?

In the babel of criticism and derogation that are being tossed at Joe it is refreshing to read a fair, intelligent and wholesome appraisal of the champion from the pen of Mr. W. N. Cox, sports editor of the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot. "The heavyweight champion," says Mr. Cox, "has pitched the title on a high plane and in doing that he has served boxing well. It strikes me that Joe Louis has accomplished for boxing something of the same order that Babe Ruth contributed to baseball. Joe took charge of a mess and cleaned it up."

Speaking of Joe's ability Mr. Cox says: "Joe Louis has done his chores by the swat 'em method. There were several so-called champions at large when Louis took over, but he punctured them one by one and nowadays it is possible to assume that boxing, particularly that part given over to the heavyweights, is high-class stuff. And what I am driving at is that it appears to me the heavyweight title will continue to be a worthy one for years to come. Thanks to the fact Louis is a real champ, it will take a real champ to whip him. . . ."

That is good sportsmanship, and in fairness to the clean-living, high-minded, hard-working youth who now holds the heavyweight championshsip we should like to see more of our sports writers and editorial writers inocculated with it.

LOUIS IN 1 ROUND, SAYS BLACKBURN OF PASTOR BOUT

Northville, Mich., Sept. 4 [Special]. —Far from ignoring the ten round stand Bob Pastor made against Joe Louis in New York, Jack Blackburn, veteran trainer, today predicted a one round victory for the world heavyweight champion on Sept. 20 at Briggs stadium with the explanation:

"Joe laid an egg in New York. He'll hatch it out here."

Louis' only comment about the approaching fight was made as he looked at a large model of his head, made by a sculptor, who plans to immortalize him in marble.

"Ah hope ah look as good as that after the fight," the Brown Bomber remarked.

A carnival spirit prevails here at the champion's camp. Hawkers sell Joe Louis buttons and official programs. Everybody is happy except Joe, who is moaning low about the Detroit Tigers.

"Joe DiMaggio should be barred because he am too good," insisted Joe.

The Inquiring Reporter

The Question.

Joe Louis earned $388,426 for three fights in 1938. How much should he pay in income tax?

Where Answered.

In the loop.

The Answers.

Miss Marion Freebol, 5814 Superior street, nursery school teacher—I think he should pay about a third. That's a good sum for anybody to pay, especially for his occupation. It does not take a great deal of thought, although it does take physical ability. The government plays around with enough money as it is.

Otis Johnson, 1413 West 111th street, a dishwasher—I think Joe Louis ought to pay a thousand dollars to the government willingly. If he made $388,426 in three fights he should pay $1,000 with a free will as income tax because he made so much. He won't even miss it.

Harry Ensminger, 4416 Malden street, broker—He pays 60 per cent by the law, but if I had my say he'd pay 10 per cent and not a cent more. Why give it to Uncle Sam? He can use it as well as Uncle Sam can and better. Also, it'd be in circulation. If I were in his place I wouldn't want Roosevelt to spend it for me. I'd have more fun spending it myself.

Mrs. Dorothy O'Brien, 5635 Pensacola avenue, housewife—About 25 per cent. That's a fair margin. I think he should be entitled to keep about $300,000 for himself because of the expenses he is under for training and so on. His fighting years only last so long and he ought to get all he can while he's at it. I wouldn't want to pay any 60 per cent myself; I couldn't live on the rest.

John O. Sykora, 1818 Highland avenue, real estate broker—About half. I know I'd pay half. I would pay two-thirds. That's a lot of money to be made during the depression. He won three battles and is entitled to it after winning three fights. Yes, he's making plenty of money, but he can't last many years as a fighting man. It's like the movies. You've got to make money while the making is good.

LOUIS IS NOT READY TO QUIT RING JUST YET

He'll Go On, Win, Lose or Draw with Pastor.

Detroit, Mich., Sept. 9 (AP).—In a little more than five years of professional fighting, Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis has collected in purses more money than he thought existed—$1,541,322—but win or lose in his title defense against Bob Pastor here Sept. 20, the former Chicago Golden Glover intends to continue.

This information came today from Louis and John Roxborough, who shares Joe's management with Julian Black of Chicago.

"Joe won't fight again in 1939 after the Pastor scrap because another big purse would boost his earnings to a point where the government would be collecting most of the money," Roxborough said. "However, he doesn't plan to retire for at least two or three years and he hopes that when he does hang up the gloves it will be as an undefeated champion."

Expect $500,000 Gate.

The contract for the Pastor fight stipulates that in the event Pastor wins, he must give Louis a return bout not later than next June.

Roxborough disclosed that the champion's ring earnings are in annuities and other investments and "they will never have to stage a benefit for Joe."

Promoter Mike Jacobs estimates a gate of $500,000 for his first Detroit promotion and if this goal is realized Louis will receive $200,000.

Pastor Is Impressive.

While Jacobs' staff is kept busy filling ticket requests, Mike says he already has $275,000 banked, Louis and Pastor are entering the final phases of their training.

Pastor has been impressive in all of his workouts, a direct contrast to Louis, who has displayed his famous punching power only at infrequent intervals.

Trainer Jack Blackburn is not outwardly worried about Louis' showing though, pointing out that the champion has been brought along slowly.

Pastor, resting for long stretches to avoid overtraining, expects to weigh in at 185 pounds, 15 pounds less than Louis.

Complete Preliminary Card.

William [Scotty] Monteith, who is serving as aid to Jacobs, has completed the preliminary card for the show which is topped by the 20 round championship match.

Roscoe Toles, Detroit Negro boxer who lost to Pastor early this year, will meet Patsy Perroni of Cleveland, in a six rounder. Another bout of the same length sends Nathan Mann of New Haven, Conn., one of Louis' many knockout victims, against Chuck Crowell, young Spokane, Wash., heavyweight.

Four four-rounders have been scheduled. They are: Floyd Gibbons, Columbus, O., vs. Dan Merritt, Cleveland; Lee Savoldi, Chicago, vs. Jack O'Sullivan, New York; Italo Colonello, Italy, vs. Willie Snell, Chicago, and Charley Ketchuck, Amsterdam, N. Y., vs. Bill Bommer, Detroit.

BOMBER NO. 1 MAN IN BOXING WORLD

Knocked Out 4 Challengers for His Title and Added $283,986 to Earnings

GALENTO A STAR OF YEAR

Floored Louis Before Bowing, Then Upset Nova—Conn and Armstrong in Spotlight

By JAMES P. DAWSON

Joe Louis was the man of the year in boxing. Once again he was pre-eminent in the game of give and take—giving more than he took in the way of bruising as he repulsed four title threats, established himself beyond peradventure as one of the greatest heavyweight champions the ring has known, and placed himself third to Jack Dempsey and Gene Tunney in earning capacity.

Henry Armstrong was outstanding for activity and consistency. Billy Conn established himself as one of the sport's foremost exponents. Tony Galento provided the thrill of the year as well as the biggest upset, although his rough-and-tumble, barroom style minimized somewhat the glory that came to him.

Boxing, inevitably subject to abuse from within and without, underwent official investigations in California, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Illinois and New York, the year closing with a tri-State probe of an alleged statement by Harry Thomas, Eagle Bend, Minn., heavyweight, to the effect that he had engaged in fake battles against Max Schmeling and Galento in 1937 and 1938.

Four Matches, Four Knockouts

But through all the excitement, the turmoil and strife, it was Louis who stood out as the game's leading figure. He knocked out, in order, John Henry Lewis, Jack Roper, Galento and Bob Pastor. The four challengers were crushed in less than seventeen completed rounds, or exactly 46 minutes 56 seconds of elapsed time.

John Henry Lewis succumbed in January in 2:29 of the first round. Roper was next. He collapsed under the champion's paralyzing blows in 2:20 of the first round in a bout held in April.

Galento was hammered into helplessness in June in 2:29 of the fourth round of the battle that supplied the year's thrill—the spectacle of Louis shaken and staggered by the fury of Two-Ton Tony's blows in the first round and dumped on the ring floor under a left hook to the jaw in the third session.

Then, in September, in Detroit, Louis knocked out Pastor in 38 seconds of the eleventh round in a bout scheduled for twenty rounds. This contest lacked only a knockdown of the champion to make it the year's outstanding thrill.

The Detroit bout attracted the greatest gate, the receipts amounting to $347,870. Louis collected his largest purse in this battle—$118,400. The Galento bout drew $282,303, of which Louis received $96,323. For so quickly polishing off Lewis the Brown Bomber collected $34,413, and his purse for the rapid finish of Roper was $34,850.

$283,986 for the Year

All told, Louis collected $283,986 for his year's activity, boosting to $1,669,722 the gross earnings of the former factory hand whose ring career started back in 1934.

The thrill Galento supplied when he floored Louis cleanly in the Yankee Stadium was preceded by three victories in which Two-Ton appeared in anything but an attractive light. He knocked out Jorge Brescia in an unsatisfactory one-round affair in Newark in January. In February Galento knocked out Natie Brown in four rounds in Detroit and the battle left an aftermath in which Brown was banned, Galento was put under a modified ban, and the chairman of the Michigan State Athletic Commission resigned. Later in the same month Galento knocked out Abe Feldman in three rounds at Miami.

Came the Louis fight in which Galento, scarcely accorded an outside chance, was within a few punches of annexing the title.

On Sept. 15 Two-Ton provided the year's biggest upset by knocking out Lou Nova in fourteen rounds at Philadelphia. The method of scoring this startling victory, however, robbed the triumph of some of its luster. Galento fouled and, goaded to desperation, so did Nova in a struggle that was nothing but a Pier 6 brawl.

Beat Bettina on Points

Contrasting was the work of Conn. The Pittsburgher, after conquering Fred Apostoli for the second time, ended the light-heavyweight reign of Melio Bettina of Beacon, N. Y., in July, winning a fifteen-round decision and the title in Madison Square Garden. Bettina had gained recognition as class champion in February with a victory over Tiger Jack Fox in an elimination final. When Bettina clamored for a return bout, Conn obliged in September and retained the title in a stirring battle in Pittsburgh.

Armstrong dropped his lightweight crown to Lou Ambers, from whom he had won it, in an unsatisfactory bout last August. Armstrong's fouls in a sloppy struggle cost him the title, although the decision was roundly criticized. But in the welterweight division Armstrong was unbeatable in eleven title defenses.

Al Hostak reigned as N. B. A. champion on a four-round knockout of Solly Krieger in the middleweight division, where Ceferino Garcia disputed Hostak's claim through recognition accorded him by New York and California following his spectacular knockout of Fred Apostoli.

Joey Archibald retained his featherweight title by winning decisions over Leo Rodak and Henry Jeffra, although the Jeffra verdict came in for violent condemnation. Sixto Escobar defended his bantamweight title in April by winning a decision over Kayo Morgan and subsequently relinquished claim to the title.

Amateur and collegiate boxing flourished.

CHAMPION READY TO DEFEND CROWN

Louis Spars 4 Rounds in Last Workout for Pastor Fight in Detroit Tomorrow

RIVAL CONTINUES TO REST

Challenger Reported Jittery but Confident of Victory— 4 Officials Selected

By JAMES P. DAWSON
Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

DETROIT, Sept. 18—Joe Louis reached the end of another training siege today at his Northville, Mich., quarters, and tonight was looking forward confidently to the eighth defense of the heavyweight title he won two years ago from James J. Braddock.

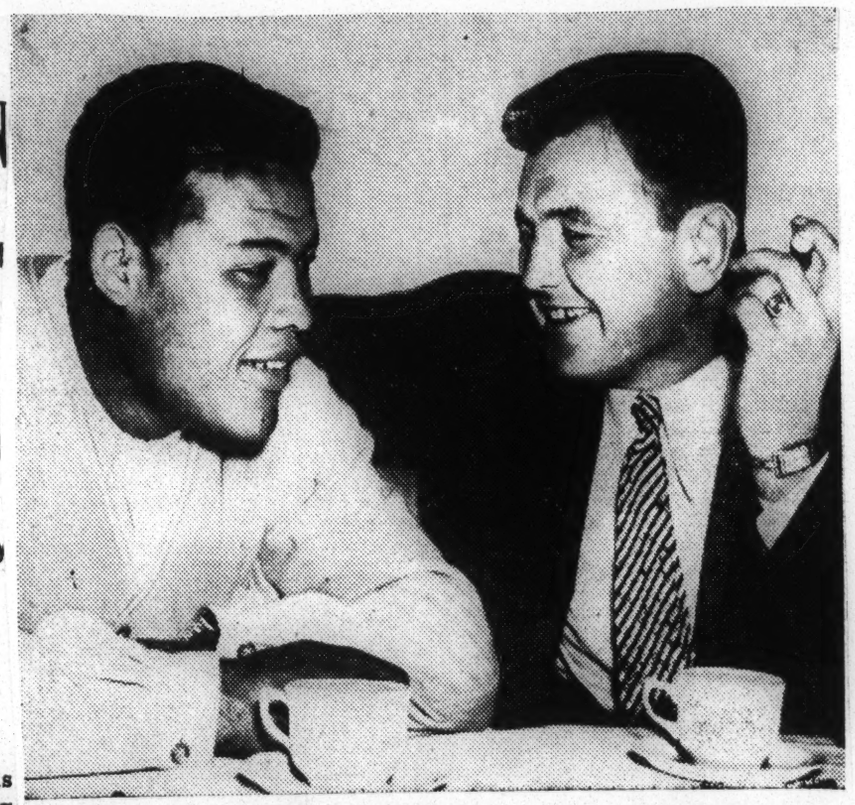
On Wednesday night Louis will climb into the ring at Briggs Stadium to face Bob Pastor, New York challenger, in a battle scheduled for twenty rounds. The Negro titleholder failed to catch Pastor in a ten-round foot race in New York in 1937. But he is trained for a fast pursuit this time.

Pastor, idle since last Thursday, enjoyed another day of rest, without, however, improving his mental condition. Reports from his training camp at Brighton, Mich., were that he was becoming jittery as the battle date approached. This does not alarm his handlers, for his confidence in his ability to supply a fistic upset and win the title is undiminished.

Hands Are All Right

Flatly denying rumors that Pastor has refrained from working because of injured hands, his manager, Jimmy Johnston, tonight said the challenger was merely following custom in the long rest period before the fight.

Louis's final day of work followed yesterday's schedule. He sparred four rounds, one each against George Nicholson, Clarence Brown, Willie Snell and Monroe Harrison.



TIME OUT FROM TRAINING FOR TITLE BOUT

Joe Louis with Jimmy Braddock at Northville, Mich., where the Brown Bomber prepared for tomorrow's contest with Bob Pastor.

He held to the routine of easy movement, save for a few flashes in which he cut loose and hit sharply.

The head cold which interrupted Louis's training last week continued to bother him slightly, but his attendants made light of the complaint and insisted the champion would be in the peak of condition.

Reporting a $20,000 ticket sale today, Promoter Mike Jacobs placed his advance sale at $310,000 and expressed confidence the fight would attract a gate of at least $400,000. A sharp drop in temperature, bringing crisp Autumn weather to replace the heat of the past few days, caused some apprehension over the last-minute demand for tickets. But Promoter Jacobs went calmly about the task of arranging details for the bout that will be the first ring appearance here of Louis as champion.

Lionel Levy, architect for the promoter, spent the day at Briggs Stadium getting about 12,000 field chairs placed and graded and tonight the stadium was in order for the fight.

Four Officials Named

Promoter Jacobs, with the authorization of Chairman John J. Hettche of the Michigan State Athletic Commission, announced appointment of four bout officials, among them Harry Balogh, New York announcer, who is being brought on here especially for the title struggle. Dr. Charles L. Tomsu will be the commission's physician at the bout; E. J. Giffels will be the timekeeper and Wilfred Goldman will be the knock-down timekeeper.

Police officials have made elaborate plans for handling a big crowd. It was announced a large detail of men in uniform, augmented by detectives in plain clothes, would be assigned to the stadium and vicinity, handling vehicular and pedestrian traffic. Trains and planes arriving through the day discharged many out-of-town fight fans and increased the excitement about fight headquarters.

Early Kayo Promised by New Yorker

Says He's in Great Shape for Bout; Long Route No Bother

To Challenger

By the Associated Press

Brighton, Mich., Sept. 18.—Forty miles out of Detroit, in a lively lake-bound setting, Bob Pastor is putting the finishing touches to the biggest gamble since they put dots on little ivory cubes and called them dice.

For two years he has been gambling for his return match with Joe Louis, which comes off Wednesday night in Detroit's Briggs Stadium with the heavyweight championship of the world at stake. For two years he has loudly proclaimed that in his first "bicycle battle" against the Brown Bomber, the 10-round decision against him wasn't any one-sided verdict.

25 Tough Battles

He has had 25 fights since that time, each one a gamble, for in each case the New Yorker tangled with a good, tough opponent right in that opponent's home town. He dropped only one verdict, a close one to Gus Doraizio in Philadelphia.

And now, Bob has come down to the last week, still tossing the dice. He hasn't boxed a lick since last Thursday, an almost unheard of thing in a heavyweight's preparation. He weighed about 187 at that time and decided to gamble the possible loss of sharpness against maintaining that weight. He is confident the risk paid dividends.

He has been training eight long weeks, here and at Saratoga Springs N. Y., and he boxed 150 rounds with sparring partners.

"The work was worth it, though," he said today. "This is the biggest fight of my life. All the training has put me the greatest shape. The 20-round route won't bother me one bit; I can go 30 rounds now. But I won't need it. I'll win and I'm confident I can knock him out in seven or eight rounds.

Stronger and Heavier

"I'm stronger and heavier now than for my first fight with Joe. I only weighed 179 then. And I'm lots more experienced now."

Pastor has fought in Detroit only once before, last May when he whipped Roscoe Toles, a victory that boosted him right into the title spot. That fight, too, made him a favorite with the Detroit faithful. All signs now point to a crowd of 50,000 and a gate of half a million for Wednesday's waltz.

There have been some rumors around these parts that Pastor has gone "stale," that he worked too long. He insists there are wrong, but it is known he lost 8 pounds in one afternoon of work last week. He has regained this now, but unless he is in the best condition he will be in for a very unpleasant evening. Joe Louis has proved often that he is a citizen not to be fooled with unless al your armor plate is well welded.

EX-GRIDMAN IS CONFIDENT OF WIN IN CLASH

Experts Figure Bomber To Score Knockout In Early Round

Gate Expected To Reach Near Half-Million Mark Wednesday

BY SID FEDER

DETROIT, Sept. 19—(AP)—Joe Louis makes the eighth defense of his world's heavyweight championship Wednesday night against Bob Pastor in Briggs Stadium, and very few of the folks around Tuesday night thought the Brown Bomber would run into any more trouble than it takes to button his vest.

In fact, although Bob made Joe look woefully bad one evening in 1937, going the route in the famous "Battle of the Bicycle," the big majority in this fight-hot motor city figured the champion would explode his dusky dynamite this time long before the 20-round limit, and send everyone home early.

Financially, the fight already is assured success. A real party which would have been a good Madison Square Garden show indoors in New York, it has caught on here even beyond the most pleasant dreams of that eminent dreamer, Promoter Michael Strauss Jacobs. "Uncle Mike" had $300,000 advance sale in the "till" a couple of days ago, and is certain the fight will draw between $400,000 and $500,000, with some 40,000 to 50,000 of the faithful on deck.

The festivities start at 9 p.m. (Birmingham time), with clear warm weather promised, and it is conceded by most everyone, even Pastor, that this first 20-round title fight in a quarter century won't go more than 10 on the outside. Louis, winner by quick knockouts over Max Schmeling, John Henry Lewis, Jack Roper and Tony Galento in his

recent outings, figures he's going to put Pastor to sleep "jes, as soon as I ketch him; I hope he don't go on that bicycle again." Pastor pooh-poohs such talk and counters with a prediction that he'll win—"most likely flatten Joe in seven heats."

Louis In Three

This corner, remembering that Louis can be tagged—Galento had him on his pretty panties only three months ago—and that Pastor is a speedy shifty fighter, still likes the Brown Bomber to bomb again, probably in the first three rounds. The ex-New York University footballer has had 25 fights since he dropped the decision to Joe two years ago, and has lost only one of them, but the man who beats the Bomber must come close to matching his punching power—and Pastor isn't even in the same league.

Then, too, there's the persistent rumor that Pastor, who has been conditioning himself for eight long weeks, has "trained off," that he is past his peak. He and his entourage deny this and explain he stopped sparring five days ago merely to maintain his weight, which probably will be 187. Louis figures to scale just over the 200-pound mark at the weighing-in at noon Wednesday at the Detroit race track.

In a way, the showing of the cash customers for the fight is a tribute to the champion. This is his home-coming party as titleholder. He has not fought here since taking fistiana's sweetest lump of sugar from old Jim Braddock in Chicago in 1937 and the home-town folks are anxious to have a look at the boss of the belters. This fact, as well as Pastor's creditable showing here against Roscoe Toles last May, has boomed interest in the bout.

Except for weight, there isn't much to choose between the two punch-tossers physically. Each is 25 years old; Louis is just over six feet tall and Pastor barely under that mark; each has a 76-inch reach. So they aren't far apart—if you handcuff Louis.

The fight will be broadcast over a nation-wide (NBC Blue) radio network.

Louis 1-7 Favorite to Defeat Pastor in Detroit Tonight

WORLD TITLE BOUT MAY DRAW 50,000

Louis to Defend Heavyweight Crown Against Pastor in 20-Round Contest

LITTLE BETTING REPORTED

Champion Expected to Win by Knock-Out—Battle to Start at 10:30 New York Time

HOW THE RIVALS COMPARE

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200 pounds	Weight	187 pounds
6 ft. 1¾ in.	Height	5 ft. 11½ in.
76 inches	Reach	76 inches
41 inches	Chest (Normal)	43 inches
44 inches	Chest (Expanded)	47 inches
16½ inches	Neck	17½ inches
34 inches	Waist	34 inches
14 inches	Biceps	15 inches
12 inches	Forearm	12 inches
8 inches	Wrist	7¾ inches
11¾ inches	Fist	13 inches
22 inches	Thigh	21 inches
15 inches	Calf	16 inches
10 inches	Ankle	10 inches

By JAMES P. DAWSON

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

DETROIT, Sept. 19—Joe Louis, an obscure laborer in the Ford plant here a dozen years ago, tomorrow night will give his neighbors their first glimpse of him in action as the world heavyweight boxing champion.

Detroit's celebrated Brown Bomber is to face Bob Pastor, New York's ex-collegian, in a bout scheduled for twenty rounds in Briggs Stadium, the local major league baseball park, which has been especially fitted for the occasion.

It will be Louis's eighth defense of the crown he lifted from the furrowed brow of Jim Braddock in Chicago in 1937, and it will be Louis's second meeting with Pastor in a little more than two years, but their first for the title. The battle will be the first heavyweight title event scheduled for twenty rounds or more in twenty-five years, or since the afternoon in 1915 when Jess Willard won the laurels from Jack Johnson in the twenty-sixth round at Havana. It will be the first heavyweight title bout ever staged in this city and the second ever held in the State.

Big Event for Detroit

All these facts combine to make quite an occasion of a fight that otherwise would attract but little notice. There is every reason to believe a gathering of about 50,000 fans from all over the country will witness the struggle. The gate receipts are expected to exceed $500,000, on the conservative estimate of Promoter Mike Jacobs of the Twentieth Century S. C.

The advance sale is in excess of $300,000, and the demand for tickets continues. Fans are arriving from all sections of the country, by train, plane and automobile, Outlying sections of the State are expected to be heavily represented at the fight.

The weather forecast is favorable, with a prediction of fair and warmer. Ideal for an outdoor attraction at this time of year. The past two nights here have been autumnal, a relief from the heat of the latter part of last week. However, Promoter Jacobs announced today that if the weather grows unfavorable the bout would be held Thursday or Friday, or on the first clear night thereafter.

The fight will be broadcast over a nation-wide N. B. C. hook-up. It is scheduled to start at 9:30 P. M. Detroit time, or 10:30 P. M. New York time. This starting hour is a revision of original plans so as to harmonize with the one-hour daylight saving time difference between here and the East, where the important radio outlets are located.

10,000 General Admissions

Available for last-minute fans are about 10,000 general-admission tickets priced at $2.50 each. Promoter Jacobs ordered the stadium gates opened tomorrow night at 5 o'clock to accommodate applicants for these seats. The stadium will accommodate more than 60,000. There are 8,000 temporary field seats. Reserved-seat prices range from $3.50 to $27.50.

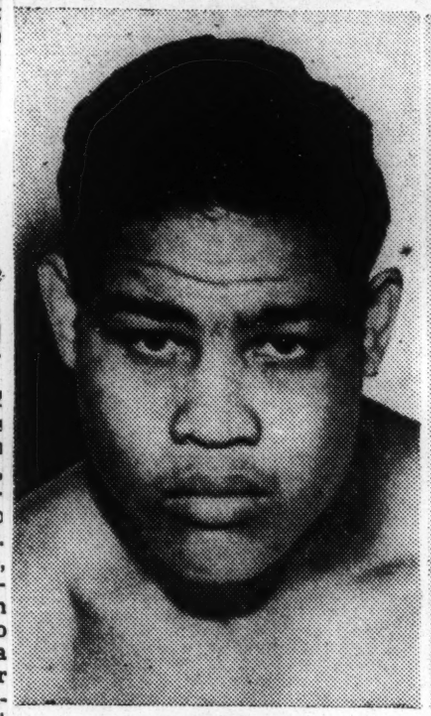
Chairman John J. Hettche of the State Athletic Commission kept secret tonight his choice of referee for the title bout. The selection will not be revealed until shortly before Louis and Pastor enter the ring. Elmer (Slim) McClelland, Clarence Rosen and Sam Hennessy are all possibilities.

Harry Balogh, New York announcer, is coming here especially for the title match. E. J. Giffels will act as timekeeper, Wilfred Goldman as knockdown timekeeper and Dr. Charles L. Tomsu as commission physician. He will examine the fighters at the weighing-in this afternoon and will be on duty at the ringside.

A detail of 300 uniformed police and plainclothes men has been assigned to the fight.

There is little, if any, betting on the fight. The fact that Louis is held at 1 to 6 and 1 to 7 explains

PRINCIPALS IN BOUT FOR HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE



Joe Louis

Bob Pastor

Facts on Title Contest

By The Associated Press

The bout—Twenty rounds for the world's heavyweight championship.

Principals—Joe Louis, Detroit, champion, vs. Bob Pastor, New York, challenger.

Probable weights—Louis 200, Pastor 187.

Place—Briggs Stadium, home of the Detroit baseball Tigers.

Time of main bout—10:30 P. M., New York time.

Probable attendance and gate—50,000 persons; $400,000.

Fighters' shares—Louis, 40 per cent of receipts after State and Federal taxes are deducted; Pastor, 17½ per cent.

Postponement date—The next clear night.

Odds—Louis 1 to 6 and 1 to 7 to win.

Broadcasting—National Broadcasting Company, Blue network.

Seconds for the fighters—Louis: Jack Blackburn, Julian Black and Larry Ambree; Pastor: Jimmy Johnston, Freddie Brown, Ned Johnston and Jock Labelle.

Probable weather—Fair and warmer.

Preliminaries—Lee Savoldi, St. Paul, vs. Jack O'Sullivan, Toronto (four rounds); Charley Ketchuck, Binghamton, N. Y., vs. Dan Merritt, Cleveland (four); Joe Sutka, Detroit, vs. George Burnette, Detroit (four); Italo Colonello, Italy, vs. Willie Snell, Chicago (four); Chuck Crowell, Spokane, vs. Bob Nestell, Los Angeles (six); Roscoe Toles, Detroit, vs. Patsy Perroni, Cleveland (six).

Carroll Backs Pastor

Dan Carroll, veteran fight manager of Boston, arrived here last night prepared to back Pastor, more, it is suspected, because of the enticing odds and that outside possibility of anything happening in a heavyweight title battle, than through confidence in Pastor's ability.

The champion and his rival went through long training sieges without cut, bruise or mishap, and are in fine shape. Louis is confident that he will knock out Pastor, while the New Yorker believes he is destined to win, if not by a knockout, then on points.

Louis spent today quietly at his training quarters at Northville, Mich., and Pastor rested at Brighton, Mich. The fact that Pastor has not worked out with the gloves since last Thursday has caused some talk about brittle hands, but Jimmy Johnston, his manager, just laughs at these rumors. Louis has not entirely shaken off the head cold which forced him to abandon one scheduled training program last week and spend a day in bed. But none of the Louis attendants, from Manager John Roxborough and Julian Black down to the gate guardian, is worried on this score—or any other.

The only other heavyweight championship fight in Michigan saw Jack Dempsey knock out the late Billy Miske in three rounds at Benton Harbor on Sept. 6, 1920. The general expectation here is that tomorrow's struggle will be as brief, if it is a fight and not a foot race. Even taking into consideration the ever-present possibility of an upset, and having in mind the outstanding reversals in heavyweight history: Corbett against Sullivan, Tunney against Dempsey and Braddock against Baer, Louis should win by a knockout.

Quick Knockout Likely

It may be a quick knockout, such as the one-round crushing of Max Schmeling last year. Louis has defended the crown against Tommy Farr, Nathan Mann, Harry Thomas, Schmeling, John Henry Lewis, Jack Roper and Tony Galento in that order and knocked out six of these men in a total of fifteen rounds. He out-speared the stout-hearted Farr in fifteen, and such a warrior should stand head and shoulders above Pastor.

Louis's overwhelming advantage as a hitter and Pastor's very weakness in this respect is the important fact. Pastor survived ten

The record justifies the odds. Recollection of the last meeting between Louis and Pastor, a ten-round "foot-race" in New York's Madison Square Garden, dictates them.

rounds with Louis by running. He went through 1938 undefeated, scoring six knockouts in fourteen engagements. He has had five battles this year, in all of which he won decisions. But in nineteen bouts none of his rivals could be rated a worthy foe for Louis.

In 1937 Pastor was held to a draw by Maxie Rosenbloom. He was held to a ten-round draw by Lou Nova, the man Tony Galento knocked out in Philadelphia. That was Galento's first ring engagement since he was knocked out by Louis in four rounds last June. The comparison tells its own tale—and if there is any other result tomorrow night than a victory for the Brown Bomber it will be the biggest upset in ring history.

The first preliminary will start at 8:15 P. M. Roscoe Toles, Detroit heavyweight, and Patsy Perroni, Cleveland, are matched in one of the six-round bouts.

Crowd of 45,000 Sees Challenger Fail to Run Away

Pastor, Knocked Down Thrice in First Round, Holds On Valiently Until Right Hand Smash in Eleventh

By Damon Runyon

Briggs Stadium, Detroit, Sept. 20.—It takes Joe Louis, heavyweight champion of the world, a shade over ten rounds tonight to catch Bob Pastor, the former collegian from New York University.

Pastor gets up off the canvas from three knockdowns in the first round and one in the second, then sticks it out with the "Brown Bomber" until 38 seconds of the eleventh have elapsed, when a left jab and a right to the face "sets him up,' 'as they say in boxing parlance, for the finisher, a terrific right-hand smash to the chin. A crowd of 15,000 was on hand.

Pastor is counted out on his hands and knees.

The 25-year-old New Yorker's bid for the title is perhaps decided in the first two rounds. Instead of running for ten rounds, as he did in his first fight with Louis in Madison Square Garden in January, 1937, and then making his fight through the final ten of the scheduled twenty, he boldly attacks "the brown bomber" right off the reel.

Sudden Offensive Fatal

Apparently the Pastor camp realizes that Louis expects, as everyone else does, to see Pastor start running from th opening bell and figure that a sudden offensive may catch Louis napping. It is a well planned and not illogical move, but it proves to be fatal to Pastor's chances. He plays right into the hands of Louis, a superb counter-fighter, who likes nothing better than to have a man come to him though he is undoubtedly startled by the first onslaught.

Challenger Floored Four Times in First; 40,000 See Battle

BRIGGS STADIUM, DETROIT, Mich.—With nearly 50,000 fight fans looking on, including a goodly portion of Detroit's Negro population, gentleman Joe Louis turned back the challenging threat of Bob Pastor, the former New York athlete, stopping him with a potent, patient, murderous right hand punch in 38 seconds of the eleventh round of a scheduled 20-round bout.

Joe shuffled out of his corner after the opening gong as calm and dangerous as quicksand, bent on making short order of the one man who had stayed a ten-round limit with him. Only a few short left jabs served as the prelude to the vicious punching that followed. A hard right reduced Pastor to the ring surface for a count of 2, Bob rose, but was in dead range with the masterful Joe Louis finishing technique, and was dropped again and again for the count of nine as the timer's gong saved him from a one-round knockout.

Pastor Crouched

Pastor fought the first several rounds of the fight in a semi-crouch not quite as low as the same maneuver employed by Galento when he faced Louis. Louis seemed less disturbed by the posture and as the fight wore on, Pastor fought more and more upwards toward an erect stance.

Again in the second round, Pastor became intimate with the resin, from an overhand right, but heeded the yelled direction of his corner and took the full count, rising from one knee at the toll of Referee Sam Hennessy's "9." Not long ago no less an authority than Jack Blackburn spoke of how the young fighters of today unlike the old battlers refused to take a full count even though they are not hurt. Here tonight, Pastor proved the exception as he cooly waited for the full count and a clear head before rising to face such a great finisher as Joe Louis.

Most of the pre-fight dope turned loose by the experts claimed Joe was certain to use the Hitler technique of "BLITZ KRIEG" (lightning war), moving out with the bell much in the manner he employed in his last fight with Max Schmeling. Which was just what Joe did, but the former New York athlete was a sturdy fighter and in the pink, he toppled as any fighter would before the merciless punches thrown by the Bomber, but three times he rose after meeting the canvas unceremoniously and the Louis strategy warned the Bomber to bide his time.

Joe Was Patient

It was in the lucky eleventh that Joe turned the winning trick. It all happened when Bob appeared to have the fistic situation of the moment thoroughly under control. Pastor had brought the crowd to their feet in the eighth with a mighty offensive, and fought it out even with the champion in the tenth.

But Louis was merely waiting for the kill, patiently watching for the opening that he knew so well what to do with. Pastor's showing no doubt was encouraging him, but after an innocent exchange of punches at the beginning of the eleventh, Louis saw his opening and shot his bomb, a dynamite-loaded blow to Pastor's exposed chin. To Bob it was a successful enemy raid and capable challenger Bob Pastor, considered the heavyweight champion of New York City, dropped on hands and knees, tried for a moment to get up — then went into a pugilistic BLACKOUT in 38 seconds of that round.

LOUIS IS FAVORITE TO DEFEAT PASTOR

Champion Rated 1-3 Choice to Keep Heavyweight Title in Detroit Battle

RIVALS AT PEAK OF FORM

New York Boxer Confident of Squaring Previous Setback Over 20-Round Route

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By JAMES P. DAWSON

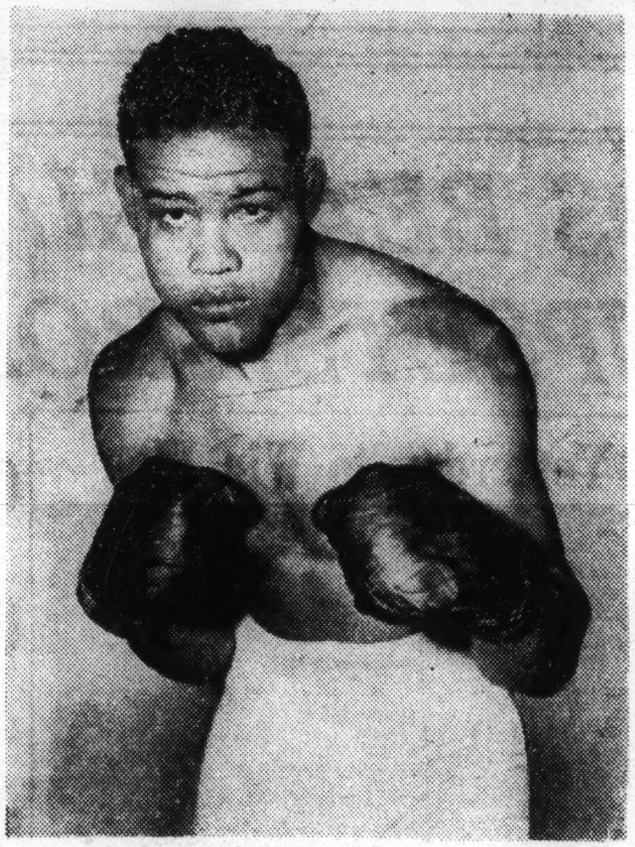
Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

DETROIT, Sept. 16—Five years ago Joe Louis was a factory hand in the automobile plant of Henry Ford. On Wednesday night, in Briggs Stadium, Louis, world heavyweight champion and looking back on earnings of $1,551,322 since that day in 1934 when he entered upon a professional ring career, will make his first defense of the heavyweight crown in the city of his adoption.

The Alabama Assassin, who was brought here as a child, is to face Bob Pastor, from New York's Inwood section, in the first heavyweight title bout to which Detroit ever has played host. They are to battle twenty rounds, or less, the first heavyweight championship battle to be scheduled over this distance in twenty-five years.

The last time a heavyweight battle was held on Michigan soil Jack Dempsey knocked out Billy Miske in three rounds at Benton Harbor. That was in 1920. The last heavyweight title struggle billed for more than fifteen rounds was the 1915 knockout of Jack Johnson by Jess Willard in Havana.

TO MEET IN HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE BOUT ON WEDNESDAY



Joe Louis, the champion

Bob Pastor, the challenger

Times Wide World

No Records Expected

This struggle will draw no record-breaking gathering. That is impossible because of the limitations of Briggs Stadium, the home of Detroit's American League baseball club.

The bid of Pastor to lift the crown or the spectacle of Louis in a routine disposition of another of his challengers points to a gathering and gate receipts that will be all that could reasonably be expected, conditions being what they are. Promoter Mike Jacobs of the Twentieth Century S. C., invading new territory with this offering, optimistically predicts a gate of $600,000.

Briggs Stadium has accommodations for 60,000, but there is no reason to believe the event will be a sell-out. Rather, the estimate of James J. Johnston, manager of Pastor, for a $400,000 gate and a crowd of 40,000 at the outside seems more reasonable.

There is this to say in supporting Johnston's forecast, the doughty pilot, who is famous for his "iron hat," is departing from custom in underestimating

Johnston is authority for the statement that more than 6,000 tickets have been sold for ringside and choice upper box seats. These sell at $27.50, and have been purchased largely by automobile industry officials. And, if Johnston is to be believed, the demand for the highest-priced tickets has been greater than the supply. Manufacturers are arranging parties for distributors who are here to inspect new car models.

Wide Scale of Prices

Fight fans with modest purses are reported to have made sharp inroads on the available supply of lower-priced tickets, which are selling at $16.50, $11.50, $7.75, $5.75 and $3.50.

Counting an advance sale in excess of $250,000, which includes tickets out on consignment, Promoter Jacobs is looking forward to an increased demand for tickets over the next four days and is confident he will have a $600,000 gate. He has 10,000 tickets priced at $2.50 each, which will be sold the night of the battle.

Fight fans from outlying districts are reported interested in the battle chiefly because it introduces Louis in his first title role here and brings back to ring action here Pastor, who is a local favorite after a ten-round victory last May over Roscoe Toles. Twenty special trains have been engaged to bring fans here, it is reported.

The battle will get under way at 2 o'clock Detroit time, which is 11 o'clock New York time. If unfavorable weather develops the contest will be held Thursday night or on the first favorable night. The baseball club will be on the road, obviating the possibility of a conflict. The struggle will be broadcast over a nation-wide NBC hook-up. Louis is to receive 40 per cent and Pastor 17½ per cent of the net receipts, the sum that remains after Federal and State taxes have been deducted.

The stadium gates will be opened at 6 o'clock to accommodate the admission ticket purchasers.

Louis Has Weight Margin

Louis and Pastor are to weight at noon Wednesday at the Fair Grounds. Indications are the champion, at 200 pounds, will have about a 15-pound pull in the weights. Boxing Commissioner John Hettche will follow New York's custom in keeping secret the names of the referee and judges until the champion and his challenger enter the ring.

And when Louis and Pastor enter the ring the titleholder will be a prohibitive favorite, as every reasonable method of appraisal dictates he should be. He is punching harder, and boasts greater cleverness, with the confidence born of his rise to the championship and his sensational defense of it in seven engagements. Louis, risking his crown for the fourth time this year, appears to be a 1-to-3 favorite, and that explains why there is little or no betting on the outcome.

And if this were not enough there is the memory of their last meeting in Madison Square Garden in 1937, when the then challenger won a ten-round decision from Pastor despite the latter's exhibition of foot-racing. Since that engagement Pastor has fought steadily and compiled an enviable record. in 1938 he was undefeated in fourteen engagements, winning six by knockouts and fighting drawn battles with Lou Nova and Maxie Rosenbloom.

This year the New Yorker has defeated five rivals, each time on decision in ten rounds. His most impressive conquests were against Toles and Freddie Fiduccia.

Pastor will enter the ring a confident challenger because of these successes. Like Louis, he will be primed for battle, for both champion and challenger have rounded into tip-top shape after intensive training sieges. But unless there is an upset greater even than the shock provided when Braddock beat Max Baer for the title in 1935, Louis will emerge from this contest still the champion and no one in sight to question his role.

Champion Joe Successfully Defends Title Seventh Time

New Jersey Challenger Sends Bomber to Floor for Short Count in Third Round Thriller

By RIC ROBERTS
(Exclusive to SNS)

YANKEE STADIUM, New York, June 28—Circling Tony Galento, the beer-guzzling barkeeper from W. Orange, N. J., cleverly at the very outset of the fourth round, and plastering every visible portion of his midsection and face with jolting lefts and rights that left him a bloody mess, Joe Louis, defending his heavyweight boxing crown for the seventh time in two years, scored a sensational technical knockout over his game and relentless challenger here tonight after 2 minutes and 29 seconds. Louis weighed 203 3-4 pounds, Galento 233 3-4.

RIC ROBERTS

The deafening roars of a mad, wild-eyed fight crowd estimated at 45,000 primitive souls echoed all over the vast stadium as the thoroughly aroused Brown Bomber from Detroit whittled his man to veritable ribbons and left him so punch-drunk and groggy that he didn't even know where he was, careening into the ropes, stuperfied, dazed, unseeing.

STUNNED BOXING WORLD

The enthusiastic crowd, sports writers, and fight experts to a man voiced the sentiment that it was one of the greatest battles of heavyweight boxing history. Tony Galento, conceded less than the proverbial Chinaman's chance, before the fight, by the nation at large and the subject of endless jokes of the most bizarre nature, almost stunned the entire fight world when, in the third round, he sent Brown Bomber Joe to the canvas for a short count. Opinions vary as to the length of the count, because there was so much excitement and the roar of the crowd reached such a crescendo that it was almost impossible to judge accurately just what did take place at this stage. But it was short-lived and abrupt, because the Tan Tornado was promptly back on his haunches, carrying the fight to Galento as the bell ended the round.

DONOVAN STOPS FIGHT

In the telltale fourth round, Galento tried desperately to get in the single punch he hoped would end proceedings before his breather became harder and his blood and energy left his badly beaten body more freely. He lunged at Louis with a flurry of left hooks, but was crossed up and caught in a windmill of lightning fast, four to six inch rights and lefts to the body and face which so completely bewildered him that Referee Arthur Donovan very charitably stepped between the two men and halted the fight with the Bomber hovering like a dark shadow over Galento.

RINGSIDE COMMENT

The ringside opinion here is to the effect that Louis has just won his hardest fight since winning the crown. Galento rushed the Bomber off his feet in first. I gave this round to Galento.

Louis came back and dumped Galento for no count in the second with a slashing left hook but Galento covered and weathered the storm. Louis' round.

Louis went into the third with his old-time shuffle and jab, but while he kept his eyes on the Galento left, a Galento right caught him flush and dropped him for no count. The house went mad as Galento took the round with a series of lefts. Galento's round.

Louis caught Galento flush with a left hook at 1 minute 51 seconds of the fourth round and from that point the Jersey fat man was butchered utterly by punches that came short and fast to rip his face to shreds. Donovan, sensing Galento's riddle, halted it.

After the battle, I couldn't get into the Louis dressing room, but a peep into Galento's quarters revealed hundreds of people packed amid confusion. Hearst newsreel cameramen took blinding flashes of the vanquished Jersey man.

I finally got in the Louis door. There is much confusion around and people are being rushed out by police in droves. Louis has a bruise on his right cheek. He's sitting on a trunk talking to reporters. Blackburn is rubbing him down. Joe says he didn't hurt his hands. Now he lays flat on his back as Blackburn and Ahearn undo his shoes. Louis says he was never hurt but says Galento is good and strong. Harry Carey comes up and congratulates Joe, who seems to like him very much. (Carey is the movie star, remember?). I shook his hand too. Have seen him on the screen since I was in swaddling clothes.

Louis now has on Chinese, wooden soled bath shoes. We all agree that a right swing dropped Louis, an unexpected punch that caught him off-balance without really hurting him. The crowd thins away.

We were talking to Roxborough when Mike Jacobs comes forth to talk money matters. They're giving Joe a dry towel bath. He's now completely dishabille (naked), reposes face down on the rubbing table. I think now I'll go. Joe is drinking from a bottle of Mountain Mineral Water. Roxborough tells him to take it easy, not too much. Joe's hair is very greasy.

FIRST ROUND—Louis backed away as Galento rushed twice. Galento landed with a terrific left hook. Galento was short with another left and Louis landed flush with a left himself. Galento rushed Joe from a crouch. Both men missed rights. Louis, red under the left eye, tore loose just before the bell and backed Tony toward the ropes. There was deafening applause for Galento. (GALENTO'S ROUND).

SECOND ROUND — Galento found Louis' face with a hard left and then a right. They exchanged punches and Louis stepped in and whaled Galento viciously with hard, successive rights to the mid-section. Lefts to the belly staggered Galento. Joe ripped Tony's face with lefts that travelled with the speed of lightning and the poison of a cobra's fangs. Galento was short with a left. Louis floored Galento with a left hook to the jaw, but there was no count. The bell ended the slaughter. (LOUIS' ROUND.)

THIRD ROUND—Louis jabbed Galento with a flurry of jarring lefts. Galento lunged forward and Joe jabbed him off. Galento wrestles off Joe, but the champion continues his jabbing and hooking. Galento catches Louis on the button with a hard right and he goes down for the count of one. Galento rushes Louis, but is short with a left. Galento scored with a left and, as the bell sounded, both men connected with lefts. (GALENTO'S ROUND.)

FOURTH ROUND—Louis circles Galento cleverly. Galento is ineffective with a flurry of left hooks that are wild and misdirected. Joe cut loose with a merciless, murderous assault of lefts and rights near the heart and to the jaw which leave Tony bloody as a hog. Louis, unmarked, renewed his attack on the Beer Barrel with rights and lefts and Galento, punch drunk with glassy eyes that were unseeing, toppled and the champion stalked him and prepared to sustain the bloody carnage. But Referee Arthur Donovan stepped in and awarded the fight to Louis by a technical knockout after 2 minutes and 29 seconds. Galento did not know where he was, stumbling into the ropes dazed.

BOMBER CAN'T ABSORB PUNCH BUT CAN SOCK

Challengers, Encouraged By Knockdown, Rush To Get To Champ

BY GAYLE TALBOT

NEW YORK—(AP)—Now that the paens have been sung for gallant Tony Galento and he has been substantially rewarded by Promoter Mike Jacobs with a check for $50,020.63 and the promise of a fight with Lou Nova in September, there must be room left for a few words about Joe Louis.

After all, Joe did win that fight by a knockout. Again he came out of the ring with honors, the same quiet, courteous young Negro. He had nothing except kind words of praise for the fat family man he had just slugged almost into the hospital. There still is no demand for a "white hope."

What this fight proved, if anything, I think, is that Joe Louis is about the greatest offensive fighter who ever drew on a glove. Probably not the greatest fighter, for he does not take a punch well. He is easily dazed, and the old-timers will not admit a pugilist is great unless he can "take it."

Shows Pain

All right, Louis doesn't have a granite jaw. When he is hit solidly on the whiskers either with a right or a left (as Schmeling and then Galento demonstrated) he seems to go to pieces for a few seconds. His feet do funny things and his face takes on the pained expression of a kid that has just been spanked, hard.

But doesn't that very fact make his record of destruction the more remarkable? Despite this obvious handicap the bronze boy fought his way to the championship and since has defeated seven challengers, six of them by knockouts. He has been knocked down but has come back to blast his men down. He deserves credit.

I'm positive he was a little scared after Tony surprised him with that first wild clout to the cheek-bone the other night. Still, Louis had the ability and the courage to fight his way out of that and to bide his time until the chance came to tear Galento apart. He displayed some fortitude that might have been overlooked in the excitement over Tony's great stand.

After seeing the champion knocked down by Galento, the managers of other heavyweight contenders are falling all over themselves in the rush to get at Louis. Even Ray Carlen, the cautious manager of Lou Nova, wants to get at Joe quick. When they see Louis get smacked, they forget instantly that he also can hand it out.

Pastor On Trail

Jimmy Johnston, manager of Bob Pastor, has been yelling fit to bust now for 36 hours. His Bob lasted 10 rounds with Joe back before the Negro won the title, and Jimmy is convinced now that Pastor can knock him out in another meeting. There's a good possibility of such a match in Detroit in September, the same month Nova and Galento tentatively are billed in Philadelphia.

Nova, if he can't get at Louis now, is perfectly content to fight another "preliminary" against Galento. He realizes, he says, that he and Louis will draw a much bigger gate if they put it off until next Summer.

"It might take me longer to knock Tony out than it did Louis," he conceded. "It might take me eight rounds to do it. But he won't ever have me on the floor like he did Louis. Don't try to tell me Galento is as good a fighter as Max Baer was when I whipped him a month ago."

Joe Louis To Quit Ring, Admits Pilot; But Not Until 1942

DETROIT, July 3.—(AP)—Retirement? Don't mention the word to Joe Louis.

Speaking for the heavyweight champion, Manager John Roxborough put the skids under that notion today and at the same time gave away a secret ambition of Joe's.

Roxborough, home from New York, where Louis all but eradicated Tony Galento last week, acknowledged gossip about retirement for the Brown Bomber after a few more fights with the quick rejoinder: "Sure, Joe'll quit—about 1942."

"I'll tell you what he's thinking about," Roxborough said. "He's thinking of taking on everybody that wants a chance until about the winter of 1942. If he's still champion by that time, he'll retire undefeated."

If Louis, two years champion, gets beaten before 1942, "he'll stage a comeback," Roxborough said.

"Joe definitely has made up his mind to fight for at least three more years," Roxborough added. "He wants to do one or two things—either retire undefeated as Gene Tunney did or be the first heavyweight to regain the title."

Roxborough said he and Louis now were considering training camps in the vicinity of Detroit for the projected September fight here with Bob Pastor.

Champ Shouldn't Have Much Trouble in 7th Heavy Title Defense

By Stan Kurman

Joe Louis will stop Tony Galento in two rounds or less and thereby successfully defend his world's heavyweight title for the seventh time.

And that's conservatively giving Galento more credit that he rates.

For while Joe has exhibited in training that same cool finesse, two-fisted punching power and boxing ability that long since marked him as one of the ring's all-time greats, Tony has shown nothing more than a wild left hook and an astounding ability to fight dirty.

Then it's very doubtful if the 29-year-old Galento can suddenly pop up in great shape after years of mixing beer and resin. Even though Two-Ton really worked hard at his Summit, N. J., camp, where he completes training today, he certainly never did before. Joe, on the other hand, never allows himself to get out of condition and reported to his Pompton Lakes camp six weeks ago only seven pounds over fighting weight.

Ring Records of Joe and Tony

JOE LOUIS
Born: Lexington, Ala., May 13, 1914.

1938 RECORD

Feb. 23—Nathan Mann K.O. 3 Rds.**
Apr. 1—Harry Thomas K.O. 5 Rds.**
June 22—Max Schmeling K.O. 1 Rd.**

1939 RECORD

Jan. 25—John Henry Lewis K.O. 1 Rd.**
Apr. 17—Jack Roper K.O. 1 Rd.**

* Won World Heavyweight Title.
** Successfully Defended Title.

RECAPITULATION

Bouts Engaged In	42
Knockout Victories	35
Won by Decision	6
Knocked Out By	1

TONY GALENTO
Born: March 12, 1910, Orange, N. J.

1938 RECORD

Jan. 5—Charley Massera K.O. 3 Rds.
May 14—Nathan Mann K.O. 2 Rds.
Nov. 14—Harry Thomas K.O. 3 Rds.
Dec. 8—Otis Thomas K.O. 9 Rds.
Dec. 16—Dick Daniels K.O. 3 Rds.

1939 RECORD

Jan. 19—Jorge Brescia K.O. 1 Rd.
Feb. 3—Natie Brown K.O. 4 Rds.
Feb. 23—Abie Feldman K.O. 3 Rds.

RECAPITULATION

Bouts Engaged In	96
Won by Knockouts	50
Won by Decision	19
Lost	22
Draws	5

In fact, Joe is in such great shape that his handlers forced him to take it easy all last week so he wouldn't get stale.

The whole fight build up has been marked by a series of weird episodes, emanating from Galento quarters. The Orange Bowl started his training grind at Asbury Park but the lure of the night-spots was too great and he was burried in the hills of sedate Madame Bey's conditioning emporium.

Then Galento's manager, Joe Jacobs, came through with the amazing statement that Joe had a "gimmick" in his hand the night he kayoed Schmeling, a stablemate of Tony's in one round. The gimmick was greeted with such unrestrained laughter from the whole boxing world that Jacobs had to back down.

Next Yussel came through with the wiz that "Louis is being hit by his sparring partners." Everybody just shrugged a so what at that one and reminded Yus that if anyone is easy to hit it's Mr. T. G. Then Jacobs, fine sportsman that he is, followed up with movies that "showed how awful Louis is." The movies only flashed the few spots in his career where Joe made mistakes.

Then Jacobs spread on the propaganda thick about Galento's teriffic punching power, his brilliant ability to take it and also stressed the mauler note.

The Galento punching power is limited to the aforementioned left hook. The ability to take it has only been tested against second-and third-raters as Tony has faced only about three top-notchers in his whole career. But it's true that he's a grade-A mauler coming up against one of the cleanest boxers in the ring. Tony might cause some trouble—but Joe is smart and that's why I'm saying two rounds instead of the conventional one.

For as I figure it will go something like this: Galento tearing in, anxious to do his dirty work inside, runs right into a flock of those slicing Louis left jabs. These

will wear him down and by the end of the first he'll be a bloody mess. Then Joe will wade right into him when the second round bell rings and Galento will seek a nice soft spot on the canvas.

There's a big reason why I don't think the fight wil go longer than two rounds, besides the fact that Louis nc longer carries his rivals as he used to. Joe told the Daily Worker in an interview a week ago that he was angry about the rotten things Galento has said about him. H resents Galento's slurring allusions to Negro fighters And trainer Jack Blackburn confided:

"When Joe gets mad it's just too bad. I've only seen him real mad once before. And that was when he fought Max Schmeling the second time."

So if you have any dates for 10:30 P. M. Wednesda night, don't let them keep you from seeing the fight. Th main event starts at 10 and will be over in just about fiv minutes—that is if Galento shows up.

Ex-Heavyweight Champ Gets 'Cut' From Receipts In All Title Defenses

Man Kayoed By Brown Bomber For World Crown June 22, 1937, In Chicago Already Has Been Paid Over $90,000 By Louis

By LUCIUS JONES
(Exclusive to SNS)

Joe Louis socked Jimmy Braddock so hard with the right cross that sent him to the canvas for the full count in their world heavyweight title bout of June 22, 1937 in Chicago that nearly everyone felt sorry for the beaten man.

Be that as it may, that was the most profitable thing to happen to Braddock in a whole lifetime. That punch has already brought Gentleman Jim nearly $100,000 in cold cash and promises to bring him even more in the future.

The reason, ladies and gentlemen, is that Jimmy Braddock gets 10 per cent of every cent Joe Louis earns in defending his world heavyweight boxing crown.

STRAIGHT DOPE!

You won't believe me at first. But this is no idle rumor. If it were not fact, the author of this article would be letting himself in for a libel suit and you know he would not consciously take such a risk.

It's a fact. The writer, by way of an unimpeachable source, has the solid, undeniable information that, over two years ago, an agreement was signed between the Louis faction and Jimmy Braddock, conceding the latter 10% of every cent the Brown Bomber nets in heavyweight fights in which he defends his world crown.

EXPLAINS BRADDOCK'S ACTIONS

That, folk, is why Braddock went to Louis' camp at Pompton Lakes in 1938 and gave the Bomber pointers on how to beat Max Schmeling. That is why Braddock, when approached for an opinion, rates Joe Louis the greatest heavyweight fighter ever to step into a prize ring. That's why Braddock wears a big, broad smile over his face when Louis is whittling down an opponent.

Joe Louis is an investment, as far as Braddock is concerned. He forgot the sting of that vicious right cross from the Brown Bomber long ago. Braddock has nothing but admiration and respect for the devastating Detroit Destroyer.

LOUIS HAD BEEN KAYOED

The agreement, if you please was drawn up before the final settlement of the June world heavyweight championship bout of 1937. Max Schmeling had knocked out Joe Louis June 22, 1936 in Yankee Stadium for the right to battle for the title. Jimmy Braddock held the title. Joe Louis after losing to Schmeling, had knocked out Stanley Ketchel in two rounds and Natie Brown in four stanzas to keep a favorable impression in the public mind despite the defeat by the German.

JACOBS CONVINCED THEM

Smart Mike Jacobs knew a Schmeling-Braddock fight, although the logical offering following Louis' defeat, would do no better than a third of million dollar gate. With the German persistently holding out for a flat guarantee of $200,000 and refusing to come to America at all for a cent less, Jacobs showed Jimmy Braddock and his manager, Joe Gould, it would be nothing but foolhardiness to put on a world heavyweight championship battle between Braddock and the German.

Jacobs pointed out that, with an expected "gate" of about $300,000 for this particular attraction, only a lukewarm proposition, Schmeling would carry away two-thirds of that. Only $100,000 would be left, he explained, and it would cost more than that to promote the bout. What, he asked Gould, would he and his fighter get?

KNEW MIKE WAS RIGHT

Braddock and Gould saw Mike Jacoks was right. They were more than mildly interested when Mr. Jacobs suggested calling in John Roxborough, Julian Black, and Joe Louis to see what could be done.

Many propositions were presented, but none made the grade. Braddock's demand for a half million dollar guarantee outright produced a good healthy laugh. Everyone agreed on 42% of the net receipts for Braddock, but Jimmy was unwilling on this proposition because he believed he could beat Schmeling, in which case he could meet Louis if he desired. That Braddock pointed out made his title worth more than the mere 42% net he was being offered to battle Louis. (Braddock didn't believe he could beat Joe).

UNUSUAL PROPOSAL

Finally, Braddock and Gould, after going into a huddle, said that he (Braddock) would fight Louis, instead of Schmeling, on one condition—that, should Louis win the heavyweight crown, he would get 10% of his net earnings in every fight in which he (Louis) defends the title.

Stillness was in the air for minutes. Finally, Roxborough, figuring, no doubt, that Louis had every thing to gain and nothing to lose, having recently been kayoed by Schmeling, said pointedly:

"Gentlemen, the proposition's okeh!"

AGREEMENT SEALED

Agreements were promptly drawn up. After due legal processes, the secret agreement was signed by the proper parties. It has been in effect, starting with and ever since, the Bob Pastor fight of 1937.

All told, Louis has earned just a little shy of a million dollars outright during his nine title defenses. Jimmy Braddock has gotten 10% of those earnings or a sum of more than $90,000!

JOE LOUIS - GALENTO

60,000 Expected to See Heavyweight Title Fight Tonight

LOUIS IS 1-6 CHOICE TO DEFEAT GALENTO

Brown Bomber Bent on Quick Knockout Triumph in Bout at the Yankee Stadium

GOVERNORS WILL ATTEND

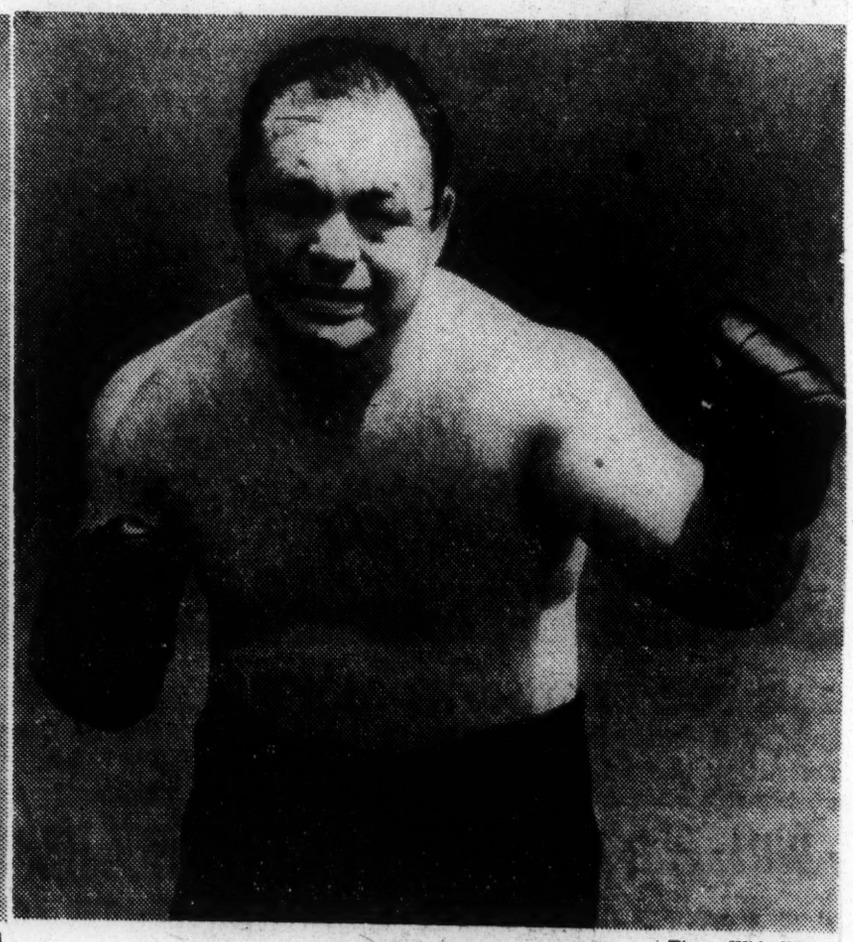
Many Other Notables Reserve Ringside Places—Receipts Near $400,000 Predicted

HOW THE FIGHTERS COMPARE

LOUIS		GALENTO
25 years	Age	29 years
200 pounds	Weight	230 pounds
6 ft. 1¾ in.	Height	5 ft. 9½ in.
76 inches	Reach	72 inches
41 inches	Chest (normal)	46 inches
44 inches	Chest (expanded)	49½ inches
16½ inches	Neck	18½ inches
34 inches	Waist	44 inches
14 inches	Biceps	16 inches
12 inches	Forearm	14 inches
8 inches	Wrist	8½ inches
11¾ inches	Fist	13½ inches
22 inches	Thigh	27 inches
15 inches	Calf	18¼ inches
10 inches	Ankle	12 inches

CONTESTANTS IN HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE BOUT AT STADIUM TONIGHT

Joe Louis — Times Wide World



Tony Galento — Times Wide World

By JAMES P. DAWSON

Joe Louis and Two-Ton Tony Galento are ready for their battle in the Yankee Stadium tonight. They will meet in a struggle scheduled for fifteen rounds, with the world heavyweight championship Louis won from James J. Braddock on June 22, 1937, in Chicago, as the prize.

Curiously enough, this match which shapes up as such a one-sided affair is expected to attract a banner crowd. Promoter Mike Jacobs of the Twentieth Century S. C., who is conducting the bout, looks for a crowd of 60,000 in the ball yard on the Bronx bank of the Harlem, and receipts close to $400,000.

This was an increase of 20,000 in attendance, and $50,000 in receipts over the estimates he made last week-end. He explained the higher figures were due to a heavy demand at the box office during the past few days. He estimated yesterday's purchases of tickets at $50,000, the largest single day since the advance sale opened. He placed his gross advance in excess of $200,000 and expressed the belief that, with ideal weather conditions, the demand for seats would continue until the time for the bout. More conservative estimates placed the attendance at 40,000 and the receipts at $350,000.

The weather forecast, incidentally, is not exactly favorable. It should be partly cloudy and warmer, with moderate southerly winds, said the meteorologists. If there is any reason for a postponement, the contest will be held tomorrow, or on Friday if a second delay is found necessary.

A Representative Crowd

The crowd will be thoroughly representative even if it doesn't approach attendance records. Promoter Jacobs said he had filled applications for tickets from all parts of the country. Particularly heavy has been the demand from points in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, where Galento has many admirers.

Special trains are being run from Philadelphia and fight fans who make it a habit to attend heavyweight championship struggles wherever held and regardless of competitive appeal, are coming in groups from other points. Boxing writers from all sections will be at the ringside, along with several from England.

Conspicious in the crowd will be a number of State executives assembled in the Empire State for the Governors convention. Through Governor Lehman, Promoter Jacobs issued a blanket invitation to these visitors and he has set aside a block of ringside seats for them.

Bankers and brokers, doctors and lawyers, Congressmen and Senators, judges, politicians, prominent persons of society, the legitimate stage and the films, merchants, prominent men of the industrial world, representatives of various sports, such as baseball, horse racing, tennis, golf, yachting, and, of course, boxing, will gather in the shadows extending from the battle platform back and up through the three tiers of the concrete and steel stands.

In the boxing group will be several former heavyweight champions, Gene Tunney, Jim Braddock and Jack Johnson among them, as well as champions and contenders from other divisions of fistiana.

Lowest Ticket at $2.50

With ringside tickets priced at $27.50 the reserved seat scale runs from $16.50, $11.50, $5.75 to $3.50. Tonight at 6 o'clock, when the gates of the Stadium are thrown open, 20,000 admission tickets costing $2.50 each, will be available. They will admit purchasers to the extreme right field sections of the lower, mezzanine and upper stands, first come, first served. Promoter Jacobs said he had no intention of utilizing the permanent bleachers.

The first preliminary is scheduled to start at 8:45 P. M. Louis and Galento will get under way shortly after 10 P. M. since a radio broadcast over a nation-wide NBC hookup, has been set for 10 o'clock or as soon thereafter as possible. Seven four-round preliminaries are on the card.

Although no trouble is expected in connection with the bout, police details in the Bronx and Harlem will be unusually large. Under Chief Inspector Louis F. Costuma and Deputy Chief Inspector James McGoey of the Bronx, will be nine captains, seven lieutenants, 128 sergeants, 1,525 foot patrolmen, seven mounted sergeants and seventy mounted policemen, three motorcycle sergeants and thirty-nine motor cycle policemen, and between 100 and 200 plainclothesmen. For emergencies four patrol wagons, two emergency trucks, two ambulances and two two-way radio cars have been assigned.

Betting on the fight was reported heavier yesterday than at any previous time by Jack Doyle, veteran Broadway commissioner. But the odds are unchanged, despite a sudden show of Galento money. Louis

is favored to win at 1 to 6. Even money was quoted that Galento would not answer the bell for the fifth round, while 2½ to 1 were the odds that Galento would not come up for the tenth session, and 5 to 1 was quoted against Galento hearing the bell starting the fifteenth. Freak bets were numerous, among them one of $100 against $1,200 that Galento would win by a knockout, and a wager that Galento would go the route.

Calls for Clean Fight

Major Gen. John J. Phelan yesterday summoned boxing writers to a meeting of the State Athletic Commission, at which he reiterated the board's determination to have a clean, sportsmanlike battle, with a ban on rough tactics. Chairman Phelan again called attention to the fact that a disqualification is possible for a repetition of minor fouls, such as striking low punches deliberately, and for the major fouls, which include kicking, biting, gouging, striking a foe while down and using the knee as a weapon of attack.

The referee for the bout will be assigned at the ringside. General Phelan dismissed as ridiculous the suggestion of Joe Jacobs, manager of Galento, that he be permitted to carry into the ring a small scale to weigh the golves the rivals will wear. He blasted another hope of Manager Jacobs when he forbade either boxer to enter the ring with any sort of medication around his eyes and rejected a proposal for a change in the weighting-in place. They will go on the scales at the commission headquarters, according to custom.

With that flair for doing the unexpected, a Galento characteristic in the ring and out, Tony sneaked off from his quarters at Madame Bey's in Summit, N. J., yesterday and completed training in the gymnasium of his friend, Joe Grouch in Newark. Bag punching, rope-skipping, shadow-boxing and calisthenics comprised the workout. A superstition led to this move, Galento being firmly convinced that Grouch's gymnasium is "lucky" for him. Galento plans to go on the road this morning.

Louis spent the day in seclusion at Dr. Joe Bier's quarters at Pompton Lakes, N. J. The champion and the challenger were in tip-top shape, having come through the arduous training siege without injury.

Almost without exception, close followers of boxing predict a knockout victory for Louis. The records of the men and a study of their capibilities and styles solidly supports this expectation. Galento is not in the same class with Louis who, with tonight's encounter, will make his seventh defense of the crown and his third within the past six months' period, to become the greatest "fighting" heavyweight champion the ring has ever known.

In knocking out his last three opponents, Max Schmeling, John Henry Lewis and Jack Roper, Louis needed exactly 6 minutes 53 seconds. The time for Schmeling was 2:04, for Lewis 2:29 and for Roper 2:20. Viewed from any angle, that is blinding speed and devastating power. Of course, anything can happen in a ring bout, particularly in a clash of heavyweights. And it seems likely that everything will happen to Galento tonight.

Facts on Tonight's Fight

Title at stake—World heavyweight championship.

Principals—Joe Louis, Detroit, the champion, vs. Tony Galento, Orange, N. J., the challenger.

Length of bout—Fifteen rounds to a decision.

Place—Yankee Stadium, 161st Street and River Avenue, the Bronx.

Postponement date—Tomorrow.

Time—10 P. M., Eastern daylight time.

Probable attendance—60,000.

Probable receipts—$400,000.

Boxers' percentage—Louis 40 per cent and Galento 17½ per cent of the net receipts.

Officials—Referee and judges to be assigned by State Athletic Commission at the ringside.

Promoter — Twentieth Century S. C., Mike Jacobs, president; Johnny Attell, matchmaker.

Betting—Louis favorite to win at 1 to 6.

Prices of tickets—Reserved seats, $27.50, $16.50, $11.50, $5.75 and $3.50; admission, $2.50 (all prices including tax).

Preliminaries—Phil Johnson, Bayonne, N. J., vs. Jim Howell, Harlem; Monty Marks, Troy, N. Y., vs. Ralph Ivins, Jamesburg, N. J.; Danny Temple, Detroit, vs. Willie Pavlovich, Brooklyn; Jimmy Smith, Bronx, vs. Johnny Sionas, Fairview, N. J.; Abe Feldman, Schenectady, N. Y., vs. George Nicholson, Yonkers; Gus Dorazio, Philadelphia, vs. Tommy Tucker, East Rockaway, L. I.; Eddie Blunt, Corona, L. I., vs. Elza Thompson, Indianapolis, all four-round bouts.

Radio broadcast—NBC hook-up.

Gates open—6 P. M.

First preliminary—8:45 P. M.

Records of the Fighters

TONY GALENTO

Born, March 12, 1910, Orange, N. J.

1928

Babe Farmer	K 3	Jack Marseling	K 1
Andy Schimala	K 4	George LaRocco	K 2
Joe Steiney	K 4	Ted Sandwina	K 1
Nick Fadil	K 1	A. DeCarolis	K 8
Rosey Boutot	W 8	Tom Kirby	W 10
Jack Smith	W 6	Ted Sandwina	W 10
Johnny Alberts	L 8	Al Friedman	L 10
Jimmy Lawless	L-F 5	Bud Gorman	L 10
Frank Montagna	K 3		

1929

Jack Shaw	W 8	Ad Stone	W 8
Pietro Corri	W 8	Murray Gitlitz	W 10
George Hoffman	D 8	George Hoffman	W 10
Harold Mays	L 10	Al Friedman	W 10
Neil Crisby	K by 7	Bob Brown	W 10
George Neron	W 8		

1930

Mike Sullivan	K 2	Jack Doral	L 10
Pietro Corri	K 6	Harold Mays	L 10
Bill Matthews	K 1	Johnny Risko	L 8
Paul Cavalier	L 10		

1931

Phil Mercurio	K 2	K. O. Christner	K 8
Frankie Wine	K 1	George Panka	K 1
Frankie Kitts	K 1	Abie Bain	K 4
Joe Burns	K 1	Leonard Dixon	K 3
Paul Thiernan	K 1	Mike Sankowitz	K 2

1932

Arthur DeKuh	K 3	Ernie Schaff	L 10
Johnny Freeman	K 6	Natie Brown	L 10
Natie Brown	K 1	Jack Gagnon	L-F 4
Ted Sandwina	W 10		

1933

Red Barry	K 1	Obie Walker	L 10
Harold Mays	W 10	Unknown Winston	L 10
Don Petrin	D 8		

1934

Larry Johnson	K 7	Patsy Perroni	L 10
Battling Bozo	K 1	Bob Tow	L 10
Bob Tow	W 10	Marty Gallagher	K by 13

1935

Ed Karolick	K 4	Al Boros	K 10
Larry Johnson	K 5	Gene Mickens	W 10
Young Hippo	K 1	Willie McGee	W 6

1936

Jim Taylor	K 1	Terry Mitchell	K 3
Freddie Fiducia	K 2	Eddie Blunt	W 10
Izzy Singer	K 8	Al Delaney	D 8
Izzy Singer	K 6	Al Delaney	L 6
Roy Lazer	K 6	Al Gainer	K by 4

TONY GALENTO

1937

Jack Moran	K 2	Don Petrin	D 10
Al Ettore	K 8	Eddie Mader	D 10
Lorenzo Pack	K 6	Arturo Godoy	L 10
LeRoy Haynes	K 3	Arturo Godoy	L 6
Don Petrin	W 10		

1938

Charley Massera	K 3	Otis Thomas	K 9
Nathan Mann	K 2	Dick Daniels	K 3
Harry Thomas	K 3		

1939

Jorge Brescia	K 1	Abie Feldman	K 3
Natie Brown	K 4		

Key to abbreviations—K, knockout; W, won; L, lost; L-F, lost on foul; D, draw; K-by, knocked out by.

Recapitulation—Bouts, 96; knockouts, 50; won, 19; lost, 17; lost on foul, 2; draws, 5; knocked out by, 3.

JOE LOUIS

Born May 13, 1914, Lexington, Ala.

1934

Jack Kracken	K 1	Jack O'Dowd	K 2
Willie Davies	K 3	Stanley Poreda	K 1
Larry Udall	K 2	C. Massera	K 3
Buck Everett	K 2	Lee Ramage	K 8
Otto Borchuk	K 4	Jack Kranz	W 8
Art Sykes	K 8	Adolph Wiater	W 10

1935

Hans Birkie	K 10	Gene Stanton	K 3
Lee Ramage	K 2	Primo Carnera	K 6
Red Barry	K 3	King Levinsky	K 1
Roy Lazer	K 3	Max Baer	K 4
Biff Bennett	K 3	P. Uzcudun	K 4
Roscoe Toles	K 6	Patsy Perroni	W 10
Willie Davies	K 2	Natie Brown	W 10

1936

C. Retzlaff	K 1	Jorge Brescia	K 3
Jack Sharkey	K 3	Eddie Simms	K 1
Al Ettore	K 5	M. Schmeling	K by 12

1937

Stanley Ketchel	K 2	J. J. Braddock	K 8
Bob Pastor	W 10	Tommy Farr	W 15
Natie Brown	K 4		

1938

Nathan Mann	K 3	Max Schmeling	K 1
Harry Thomas	K 5		

1939

John H. Lewis	K 1	Jack Roper	K 1

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Early Finish to Battle for the Championship Predicted by Both Louis and His Challenger

Triumph by a knockout! This is the hope and aim of both champion and challenger in tonight's world heavyweight championship fight at Yankee Stadium. Joe Louis, the champion, has managers, Julian Black and John Roxborough, are confident of victory. Likewise are Tony Galento, the challenger, and Joe Jacobs, his pilot. Their statements, given to THE NEW YORK TIMES last night, follow:

LOUIS—I have trained hard for this fight, am in great shape, and I am ready for any sort of battle Galento wants to make. Of course I expect to win by a knockout. But I am not naming the round. You never can tell. Galento is strong and tough and can be dangerous, regardless of what anybody thinks. I will take no chances. I will try to win just as quickly and decisively as I can.

BLACK and ROXBOROUGH—We are hoping for a good, clean fight, and although we regard Galento as tougher than he is appraised by the average fan, we expect Joe will make another successful defense of his title. Joe is in excellent condition, he is ready for any kind of fight, long or short, rough or otherwise, and, as always, he will aim for a knockout as quickly as he can. We have every confidence that the State Athletic Commission will instruct its officials to take whatever steps are necessary to insure a good, clean, square contest.

GALENTO—I feel confident I will win the world heavyweight championship. I have watched Louis in several of his fights, I know he can be hit and I feel he can't take it. I feel positive I will knock him out. I will not attempt to predict he round, but I know the first good punch I hit him will put him on the floor and then I will finish him. To me Louis is just another man to fight. I want all my friends to know I will win by a knockout.

JACOBS—Galento will win the world heavyweight title by knocking out Louis in six rounds. That's my prediction and I base it on my belief that Galento hits too hard for Louis and on a conviction that Louis cannot take a good, hard punch. Tony can take it and Louis cannot. Galento will prove too rough for Louis. In other words, Tony has the punch and the durability. He is game and powerful and in condition. He will upset the dope just as Max Schmeling did the first time he fought Louis.

By Tony Galento

(Special to The Times-Picayune)

Summit, N. J., June 23—I am very confident of winning the world's heavyweight championship from Joe Louis Wednesday night. I have watched Louis in several of his fights and I know that he can be hit. I am certain when I hit him he won't be able to take it. I feel positive I will knock him out. I will not predict the round. I may knock him out in the first, I may knock him out in the sixth or I may knock him out in the 10th, but I know the first good punch I hit him and put him on the floor I will finish him. To me it is just another fight. I will not be the least bit nervous, I am not afraid of the bum and I am certain he can't take it in the stomach. I want all my friends to know I will win by a knockout.

Brawl or Fight?

About the only interest that attaches to Wednesday night's theoretical risking of the heavyweight prizefighting championship is how long a behemoth can stand up against a machine gun that fires reinforced leather.

About the only risk actually involved is the prestige of boxing as a fairly clean sporting game. If the fight is a fight, under Queensberry rules, well and good, no matter how absurd the matchmaking. If it is anything else the repercussions may be serious.

A good deal of "buildup" has been given the ferocious intentions of Tony Galento, the challenger, who has been pictured as ready to use tooth, claw and nail if necessary to augment his fistic artillery, which is heavy enough but on the slow-firing side. News reels have shown him hurling his weight at a punching dummy, as though solemnly practising for a gargantuan bump. He and his manager have talked so much of the technique of fouling that the boxing commission has had to issue a reminder that fouling can be punished by disqualification, as well as by the loss of rounds. This all may be "come-on" talk, but it is not good talk, particularly under the circumstances.

Joe Louis' conduct as a contender and champion has been such as to allay early fears that racial feeling would be stirred by his success, as in the Jack Johnson era. If he should be forced to fight the kind of fight that Galento has been talking, in self-defense, the consequences might be disastrous to boxing. It is to be hoped that the New York boxing commission and the referee will stop the fight if necessary to prevent any such development.

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JOE LOUIS - GALENTO

Galento May Fade Early Or Make It Butcher Shop Brawl

Famous Referee Thinks Galento Will Be Tough Foe For Louis

POMPTON LAKES, N. J.—(SNS)—Rated one of the smartest boxers the heavyweight division has known in recent years, and now establishing himself as the best referee in New Jersey, Paul Cavalier does not subscribe to the general belief that Tony Galento will prove an easy victim for Joe Louis in their heavyweight championship bout at the Yankee Stadium next Wednesday evening.

Paul picks Louis to win; but warns Shuffling Joe to be prepared for "tough going" the first round or two.

"Galento has always been a fast starter," says the Patersonian, who speaks from practical experience, having fought Two-Tony in Madison Square Garden some seven or eight years ago.

Rules Don't Count

"Boxing rules mean nothing to Galento," continues Cavalier. "So far as he is concerned, the old London prize ring rules still are in effect, with their gouging, roughing, elbowing, wrestling and kicking, I beat Tony, winning a 10-round decision, but I was bruised and sore for a week after the bout. He doesn't care where he hits you, or how he hits—every part of his opponent is considered legitimate territory, from the top of the head right down to the angles, And he doesn't just use his fists—his own head, elbows, shoulders and even his knees and feet figure in his scheme of things.

Joe, Finished Fighter

"Heavy fought Galento, and boxed often with Louis in training, I can frankly say that so far as real fistic ability and skill are concerned, there is no comparison between the rivals. Louis is a marvelous ringman and great champion. On 'form,' he should win quickly and decisively. But you cannot always figure 'form" where a Galento is involved, and Joe cannot afford to take any unnecessary chances, particularly in the first round or two. Galento is probably the strongest individual in the boxing game today. In sheer power, he could probably tear Louis apart. And he is built for plenty of wear and tear. I have never seen him hurt, though some mighty hard hitters have nailed him flush on the chin time and again.

First Time Against Joe

"Of course, he has never been up against a Joe Louis, and there is no saying whether he'll be able to weather the dynamite Joe packs in his fists. But I will say one thing—Louis had better be careful at the start. Galento cannot be trifled with. A chance at the world's heavyweight championship is the biggest opportunity that can come to any fighter—and Galento realizes it. He'll do everything possible to whip Louis—and if he cannot do it by fair tactics, he'll do it any way he can."

"BRAWNOMETER"

NEW YORK —(AP)— Probable weights and measurements (approximate) of Champion Joe Louis and Challenger Tony Galento in their 15-round heavyweight title fight Wednesday:

Louis		Galento
25 years	Age	29 years
200 pounds	Weight	230 pounds
6 ft., 1¾ in.	Height	5 ft., 9½ in.
76 inches	Reach	72 inches
41 inches	Chest (Normal)	46 inches
44 inches	Chest (Expanded)	49½ inches
16½ inches	Neck	18½ inches
34 inches	Waist	44 inches
14 inches	Biceps	16 inches
12 inches	Forearm	14 inches
8 inches	Wrist	8½ inches
11¾ inches	Fist	13½ inches
22 inches	Thigh	27 inches
15 inches	Calf	18¼ inches
10 inches	Ankle	12 inches

(Above figures based on recent fights of both boxers.)

TONY APPEARS AS UNCERTAIN RING QUANTITY

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If He Can Land Early Beer Barrel Boxer May Give Louis Trouble

6-25-39

BY SID FEDER

NEW YORK—(AP)—Along about 8 p.m. (Birmingham time), next Wednesday night, Joe Louis and Two-Ton Tony Galento will scramble through the ropes of Yankee Stadium's ring for what figures to be either one of the roughest heavyweight battles in years or another of the shortest knockouts in title history.

Birmingham Ala.

An odds-on favorite at anywhere from 1 to 6 up to 1 to 10, Titleholder Louis is generally regarded as being able to put the battling beer-barrel to sleep in less time than it takes to say "heavyweight champion of the world."

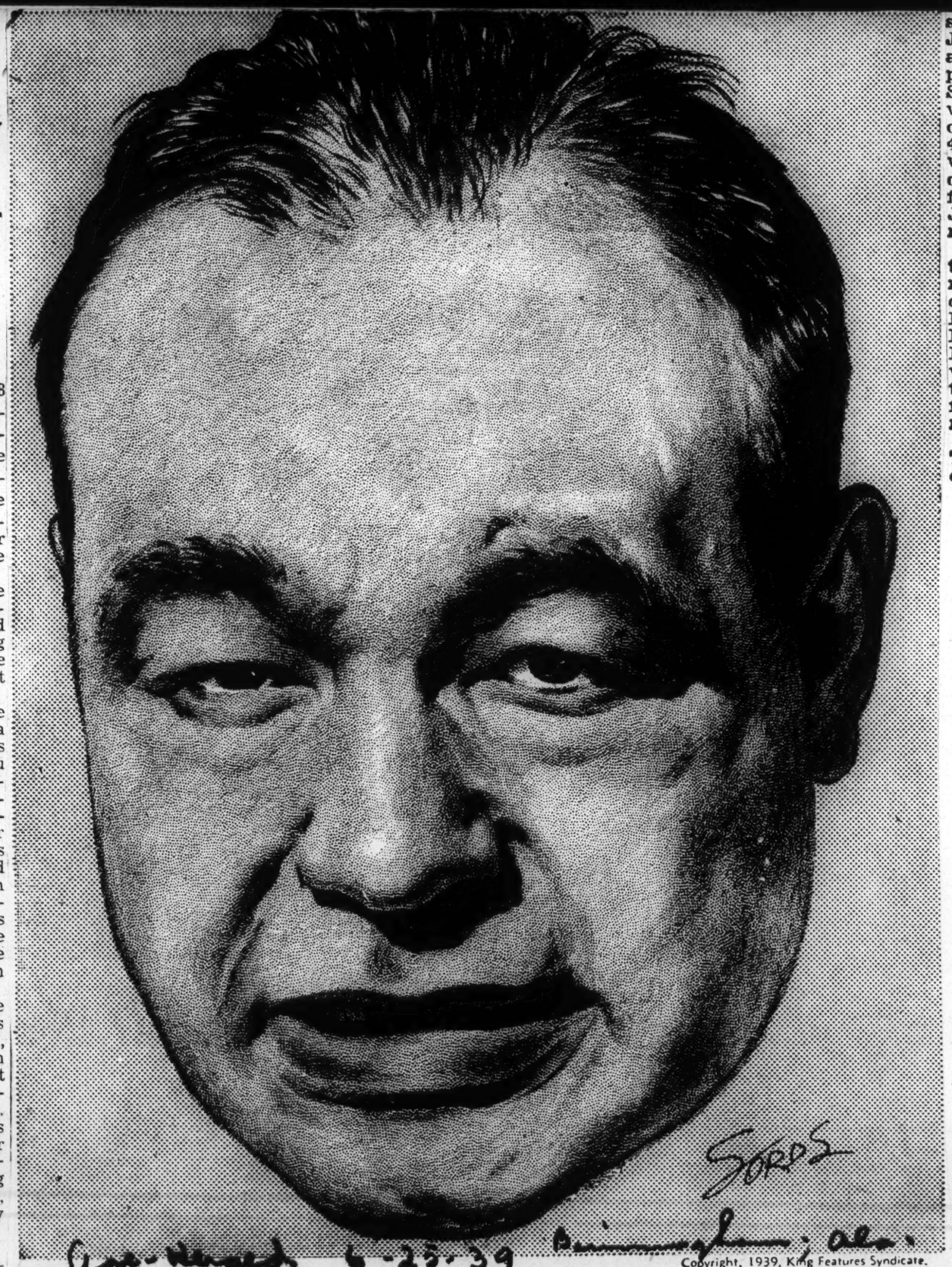
But, it's an old axiom of the prize ring that any fighter who packs a haymaker at the end of his arm has a chance. And whatever else you say about roly-poly barkeep Galento, he has that. He has flattened his last 11 opponents. Although there's a snicker whenever some of these are mentioned, it is known that his left hook is as good an anesthesia as can be found in the medical world. He is an unorthodox fighter, throwing punches from anywhere with very little thought of defense, but in nine years of fighting, he never has been knocked off his feet.

This corner is willing to concede Tony a chance, but only if he leaps across the ring at the first bell, keeps out of the way of the Brown Bomber's customary opening straight left lead, and is able to land solidly with the first punch of the fight. If he does you'll probably see as bloody a business as any butcher shop can put on. Both have announced themselves ready, willing and able to play rough and tough, despite a wrist-slapping warning by the State Athletic Commission.

Not Much Fighting

Tony's task is a major operation—to be attempted on a man who took less than nine minutes of fighting to blast Max Schmeling, John Henry Lewis and Jack Roper out of his path in the last year. So this corner strings along with Louis to polish off the challenger in brief time, possibly in a round or two of the 15 heats the fight is scheduled to go.

There is a possibility, too, that Tony may be cut badly, as he has before. However, his master-minding manager, Joe Jacobs, figures he has taken care of that with the appointment of Whitey Bimstein, crack "cut" man, as a second



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I'LL KILL DAT BUM"—Two Ton Tony Galento (above) really thinks he can "kill dat bum" Joe Louis when they meet Wednesday night, but the outside world has a different opinion. In fact, they are saying that the Galento-Louis fight will be broadcast between pitches at the Baron-Lookout game at Rickwood, and Manager Dutch Zwilling intends to use one of his slow ball pitchers to give Tony a longer chance. At any rate, the Galento-Louis fight has stirred up quite a fuss and it will be settled Wednesday night in Yankee Stadium, New York.

Although Promoter Mike Jacobs refuses to make any prediction as to the size of the "house," the chances are the fight will attract a gate of $500,000 or so. This is far short of the rose-colored million-dollar estimates at first foreseen, but will add a generous slice to the $1,441,704 Louis already has taken out of the ring in his five-year career.

A victory over the Jersey barkeep would mark the Tan Terror's seventh successful defense of his crown since he took fightdom's highest honor from Jim Braddock in Chicago two years ago this week. First after Braddock it was Tommy Farr by a decision, then Natie Mann, Harry Thomas, Max Schmeling, John Henry Lewis and Jack Roper via the sleep-producing route. Not even Jack Dempsey, who lost to Gene Tunney on his sixth defense, nor Jim Jeffries, who retired undefeated after turning back five challengers, held the big boys' bauble against so many contenders.

Yussell Has Ideas

Probably the most dominant figure in this title fight picture, outside of the two principals, is Joe Jacobs, Galento's shrewd little managerial mouthpiece. It was he who predicted — and then coached — Schmeling the way to beat Louis, which resulted in the only defeat of the dark dynamiter's career of 42 fights—a 12-round knockout. It was he, too, who picked Tony, a colorful, clownish ex-iceman, off the fistic ashheap five years ago after Jack Dempsey tried and gave up managing the pudgy puncher.

It was Jacobs who piloted Tony through a dozen fights, making the most of such accomplishments as quicker knockouts than Louis over Harry Thomas, Natie Mann, Jorge Brescia, Natie Brown and Reds Barry. And it was Joe, most of all, who shouted so loud and so long that Promoter Jacobs was virtually forced to give the battling beer barrel a shot at the ring's richest prize.

Truly, this pair is a Svengali and Trilby. Galento hardly will run a comb through his sparse hair unless Jacobs is on hand to give the okay.

And a victory for Tony would boost Jacobs into a class for managers occupied only by one man previously—that of piloting two world's heavyweight champions. Joe — affectionately known along "Bash Boulevard" as "Yussell the Muscle"—already has Schmeling's title conquest to his credit—a crown the German never would have won if Jacobs hadn't been on hand that night to shout "foul" for him as he lay groveling on the floor before Jack Sharkey. In all prize ring history, only William A. Brady ever has piloted two titleholders: Corbett and Jeffries.

Galento admits to 29 years of age, and, at about 230 pounds, may have close to 30 pounds in weight advantage over the dusky dynamiter. The keg-shaped gent has been fighting for 11 years, and, after an up-and-down career, now is supremely confident he can climax his Horatio Alger story.

Louis, on the other hand, has had no such checkered clout career. From a family originating in Alabama's cotton fields, he fought as an amateur in Detroit, where he worked in the automobile factories. Two men of his own race, John Roxborough and Julian Black, backed him as a pro. From the start, he ripped the heavyweight ranks. He has met and defeated every top-flight heavyweight in his division, avenging himself for his only defeat by smashing Schmeling down last June.

Louis has given some indication of the fight he plans. In workouts, although his sparmates tagged him freely with left-hand shots, Joe has ripped over short right uppercuts to the chin and just under the heart, apparently readying a punch that will stop Tony's threatened charge.

Galento has had his off days, but in his better moments he has done considerable damage to his sparmates with his free-wheeling left, and has indicated he plans to rush out swinging. One thing in his favor is that Louis never has been a great in-fighter, and Tony revels in the close going, particularly with hooks to the body.

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Winner

JOE LOUIS

Louis Wins In Fourth on Technical KO

Referee Stops Fight As Galento Wilts Under Furious Onslaught

6-30-39

BULLETIN

Joe Louis successfully defending his World's Heavyweight Championship at the Yankee Stadium when 35,000 fans saw him beat Two-Ton Tony Galento on a technical knockout in 2:29 of the 4th round. The referee, Arthur Donovan, stopped the fight as Louis tore into Galento, defeating the challenger.

At least 35,000 spectators, encouraged by warm weather and the prospect of plenty of low-priced seats being available almost until fight time, were on hand at ring time when Joe Louis entered the ring to defend his world's heavyweight championship for the seventh time since he won it from James J. Braddock two years ago.

At 9:30 the odds were still one-sided against Two-Ton Tony Galento. Ringside bettors were giving as high as nine to one against Galento and no one would give even money that Galento would come out for the fifth round.

Louis is expected by most observers to have little trouble with the little fat man from Jersey, whose main asset seems to be a terrific publicity build-up.

GALENTO GAINS NEW PRESTIGE IN DEFEAT BY LOUIS

Courageous Stand Wins Promoters' Attention.

BY WILFRID SMITH.

[Chicago Tribune Press Service.]

New York, June 29.—Tony Galento lost his twenty-third professional fight last night in Yankee stadium. He was knocked out for the third time in his life. But, in defeat, Dominick Antonio Galento was honored as he never was respected in victory.

Until the fourth round, when Joe Louis, champion of the world, leveled with both hands in a tattoo on Galento's chin, a vicious attack that nearly equaled the brutal assault against Max Schmeling one year ago, old fat Tony was leading on points.

The funny little man, as Louis called him when he was told that Galento would be his seventh opponent during his championship reign, took the play away from the Bomber. He walloped him with a left hook in the first round, chased him to the ropes, and in the third round, as 35,000 spectators climbed on their chairs in booming encouragement to the challenger, Gallant Galento dropped Louis to the floor.

JOE LOUIS - GALENTO

His Left Is Dynamite.

Galento smashed Joe with a left to the jaw. He followed with a right under the heart, a punch the champion denies he received. But there was Louis on the floor. That was a moment of hysteria which will be remembered as Tony's signature to his greatest fight.

We owe no apology to Galento. His conduct during the days we watched him train at Madam Bey's camp on the hills above Summit, N. J., convinced us he had no fear. We predicted that Galento would be a dangerous foe. And only by a margin of 31 seconds did we fail to name the round in which Louis would retain his championship.

But Galento rose to his supreme effort with a courage surprising to all who saw it and by that courage he won, of all things, a moral victory over the greatest heavyweight fighter of this decade.

His Pals Are Loyal.

Tony was badly cut. Twenty-three stitches were required to close the scarlet slashes on his eye lids, to pull together the gaping wounds along side of his nose. Galento took all Louis gave, and after repairs, received the homage of his fanatically loyal friends in Orange, where he held open house in his tavern.

For this fight, Galento will receive 17½ per cent of approximate net receipts of $250,000. Gross receipts last night were $283,303.68. Attendance was 34,852. Louis' 40 per cent, divided equally between him and his managers, will amount to about $100,000. Joe Jacobs, Tony's manager, will receive one-third of the challenger's purse.

Mugsy Taylor, who relinquished his promotional contract dating back to cancellation of the Galento-John Henry Lewis bout when Tony was stopped by sickness, was given 5 per cent of the net receipts. Now Taylor and his Philadelphia associates wish to match Galento and Louis in September in that city. There seems little chance that the bout will be made for John Roxborough declared last night, "Why should Joe meet a man he has knocked out?"

Galento is certain to be a drawing card for at least one more fight. It is predicted that he will meet Max Baer.

Rumor Pastor Bout.

Louis' plans still are indefinite. Some today believed that the champion already had been signed by Jack Kearns for a fight in Detroit with Bob Pastor. Mike Jacobs, so these men reasoned, would be glad to take a percentage and turn his promotional rights over to another group. New York has had too many bouts, including the recent Baer-Lou Nova fight, which attracted only 16,000 customers.

Jimmy Johnston, Pastor's manager, whose theme is "Pastor can lick Louis any time," scarcely waited for the coup de grace last night before launching another diatribe against the New York commissioners and the champion. Pastor lost a ten round decision to Louis several years ago in Madison Square Garden, but so completely soured New York by his bicycling that Gotham doesn't care for an encore.

Detroit, originally Louis' home, and where Pastor recently belted Roscoe Toles, might be more receptive.

Lou Nova should not be forgotten. The good looking Californian, who stopped Max Baer in eleven rounds, may be the next heavyweight champion, as he declared last night at the ringside. Nova is our choice. He has a fine, sharp left hook. He's an excellent boxer, but he still would have difficulty avoiding Louis' right hand on the evidence submitted against Baer.

The Nova-Louis fight, and this information comes from a close associate of Louis and his managers, will be held in Chicago in September. If so, that will be a real attraction for Louis, champion for two years, no longer has a keen desire to remain in professional boxing.

Joe Would Like to Quit.

We know that before Louis was matched with Galento he wished to retire from the ring. Joe has earned more than a million and a half. Presumably he has at least a half million dollars. Necessity no longer is a a spur and his sullen acceptance of his managers' decisions indicates incipient rebellion.

Louis is self-willed. That may partially account for his plan of attack last night. Galento seconded what Max Schmeling demonstrated in the fight three years ago that Louis' defense is his attack. When the champion gets hit, he is easily confused. Neither does he take punishment as readily as, shall we say, Galento? Yet, today, by the power of his fists, he is supreme.

Louis is not a superfighter, but it cannot be forgotten that last night, stung by Galento's surprising attack, Louis rallied to cut to pieces the man who had knocked him down. Even Jack Dempsey had his indifferent moments. He was knocked out of the ring by Louis Firpo, acclaimed because he whipped Georges Carpentier, a mediocre light heavyweight, and he couldn't stop Tom Gibbons, another 175 pounder.

Louis has run over five former heavyweight champions. He has beaten all opponents save one. And until he wishes to retire, or time softens his muscles and determination, he should continue to rule the pugilistic world.

"AND STILL CHAMPION"

In Yankee Stadium on Wednesday night of this week, Joe Louis gave another demonstration of his prowess as a boxer, to add weight to the testimony of not a few unbiased followers of the boxing business, who contend that the Brown Bomber is the greatest heavyweight champion of all time, if not the only boxer who can lay claim to the title of full-fledged champion, one who never has ducked out of fighting any worthy opponent.

With that becoming modesty that has characterized this youngster who has startled the world with his ring exploits, Louis had forecast the outcome of Wednesday night's battle with the cagy prediction that "one of us will not be in there when the fifth round comes up." And that is exactly what happened, only more so. Neither boxer was in there at the beginning of the fifth round. The blustering Tony Galento had bitten the dust and the Champion had been told to knock off for the evening by that great humanitarian, Arthur Donovan, who saw no need for allowing Galento to continue his futile effort of trying to give the customers a 15 round run for their money.

Mr. Galento, very properly, can thank the bell for saving him in that hectic second round. It is plain that the Champion had made up his mind to end hostilities at that point, and Galento, game to the core, had elected to stand up and trade punches with a youngster who has proved that he is more than a match for any man who will fight him in that manner.

Joe Louis received the full impact of that allegedly terrible "left" of Galento in the third round and went to the canvass for a brief second. That was a thrilling moment for all of Galento fans and they most certainly were entitled to all of the pleasure they got out of it. But Joe Louis has heard it said that a man's greatest glory is **NOT** in never falling but in rising every time he falls.

From then on, the Champion was on top of his adversary and brought hostilities to a close in two minutes and twenty-nine seconds of the fourth round. Mr. Galento announces that he wants to fight the Champion again. That is more proof of the fat man's gameness, as he understands what the term means.

Greets NAACP

JOE LOUIS

(Special to the Daily Worker)

RICHMOND, June 27.—World's heavyweight champion Joe Louis today wired the convention of the National Association for the Advancement of the Colored People: "Greetings and good luck and success to delegates and visitors of NAACP conference. Regret that I cannot be with you. Have a very important engagement with one Tony Galento Wednesday night."

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BEER BARREL BELTS CHAMP FEROCIOUSLY

Louis Staggered In First, Downed In Third, Then Finishes Tony

6-29-39

BY GAYLE TALBOT

NEW YORK—(AP)—The roof finally fell in on Tony Galento last night and nearly killed him, but before it happened the bold New Jersey barkeep gave a great fight crowd in Yankee Stadium a succession of thrills it will not soon forget.

Yes, Champion Joe Louis butchered the poor galoot, sent him falling to his knees bleeding and helpless so that Referee Arthur Donovan had to stop it in 2:29 of the fourth round. That was almost the preordained result. But Tony gave an account of himself that will enshrine him in the minds of those who saw.

Tony, the round-man, never took a backward step. In the third round, when his face already was cut to ribbons and the heart would long since have been beaten out of a less brave fighter, he swung a left to Louis' jaw that sent the champion bouncing on the canvas.

In the opening minutes, when the fight was young, he rocked the big bronze champion to his heels with another terrific left and for a fleeting instant held the championship in the chubby fists that have drawn 10,000 beers. He did everything he said he would do— except knock out "dat bum." Tony, the man they have all been laughing at, climaxed his career with his greatest performance.

JUST ANOTHER BOUT

NEW YORK—(AP)—Once-riotous Harlem has learned to take Joe Louis' victories calmly.

Police reported that the crowds which gathered on Seventh and Lenox Avenues, the heart of New York's Negro section, to celebrate the Brown Bomber's triumph over Tony Galento were the smallest ever to greet a Louis victory.

Traffic was diverted from Lenox Avenue for about an hour and from Seventh Avenue from 10 p.m. to after midnight to make room for impromptu parades and gatherings.

Outside the Yankee Stadium, 1,000 police had little to do but direct traffic.

Toughest Fight

Louis, who had knocked out his three previous challengers in less than a round each, said it was the toughest fight he ever had. In that terrible last round, when Galento was defenseless, Joe said he had to hit him a dozen times as hard as he ever hit a man before Tony finally fell into the referee's arms, groping for the ropes in a desperate effort to keep his feet.

Such a great stand did Galento make that he probably will be matched against Lou Nova, recent conqueror of Max Baer, in September. Through battered, puffed lips Tony begged for another chance at Louis, but he won't get that. Nova, at the ringside after the battle, said nothing would suit him better than a few shots at Tony, except a chance at the champion.

"If I ever staggered Louis the way Tony did he never would get away from me," declared the confident young Californian. "If I'd had him on the floor like Tony did, I would have kept him there. The fellow can't take a punch."

At that, those who had posted money at 8 to 1 on Louis must have come near swallowing their gullets both times Galento landed on Joe's whiskers. Each time all that saved the champion from serious difficulties was Tony's inability to follow up fast. Tony simply couldn't shove his 233 pounds forward and strike again before Louis recovered.

Louis treated his stubby rival with a world of respect after he got clipped the first time. He claimed afterward that it wasn't caution so much as it was his inability to solve Tony's curious crouching style. But for a time he stepped very lightly and didn't really open up until a series of terrific left hooks had placed Galento at his mercy.

Galento returned to his corner with a cut upper lip at the end of the first round, the first of many cuts he was to receive. They had only been at it a few seconds of the second round when Louis whipped over a left to Tony's jaw that spun him to the floor for a two-count. For the remainder of the chapter Joe handed his dazed opponent a bad beating, but couldn't put him down again.

Thus was Tony's knockdown of his tormentor in the third such an electrifying thrill for the crowd of nearly 35,000. Louis had been whipping them into the Orange man's gory face again, staggering him with brutal rights, when Tony from in close brought up a quick right and then a left squarely to the champion's jaw. Joe went down on his pants like he had been clubbed, but quickly braced himself with his hand on the floor and was up again as the timekeeper tolled two. Tony had him going the rest of the round.

Louis started the fourth dancing around and keeping out of Tony's reach, watching for the big chance. Suddenly it came. Two left hooks crackled on Galento's jaw like Summer lightning, and he swayed like a tilted barrel, but didn't go down. In a breath Louis was on him, pounding sledge-hammer blows into Tony's face. Within 10 seconds he made Galento a horrible sight. It was all over. Mrs. Galento cried bitterly when she saw Tony's face as they led him reeling into the Yanks' dressing room.

Today Louis was heading for Atlantic City for a vacation before returning to Detroit. He didn't know when they would want him to turn his fists loose on another man.

JOE LOUIS - GALENTO

Both Fighters In Top Shape For Coming Fistic Event In New York's Yankee Stadium

6-28-39

Odds On Louis Dwindle As Fight Time Nears; Galento Continues Training Grind To Upset Precedent; Both Fighters Confident.

By SID FEDER

NEW YORK, June 27—(AP)—The "gimmick" reared its ugly head again today, along with other assorted varieties of prize ring mayhem, as the fight industry looked toward Yankee Stadium and tomorrow night's heavyweight title bout between Champion Joe Louis and the pudgy challenger, Tony Galento.

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Twenty-four hours before the Brown Bomber and the battling Beer Barrel were scheduled to climb into the ring, before a crowd estimated at 50,000 or so, the New York Athletic Commission held a meeting to explain pointedly that no rough-house, as has been threatened, will be tolerated in this punch-tossing party.

"The rule book covers everything," explained Commission Chairman General John J. Phelan.

"And any question that comes up from the opposing forces," he added in his most confusing style, "if contrary to the rules and regulations—they are simply wasting time. We are going to live rigidly according to our rule and laws."

This seemed to take care of every situation promised or hinted from both camps, with the possible exception of how long the fight will last. Almost to a man, the "experts" from all corners of the country climbed aboard the Louis bandwagon with predictions of a knockout for Joe in five rounds or less in his seventh defense of fightdom's richest honor This department, stringing along with the crowd, likes the Louis dynamite to blast the beer keg who walks, in two or three heats.

Odds Dwindle

Despite this preponderant majority in Louis's favor, however, the odds dwindled somewhat. While the outlying areas still had Joe on top at about 1 to 8 or 10, there were places in the metropolitan area where two-ton was on the short end of odds as small as 5 or 6 to 1. Bookmakers around Tony's home bailiwick in Newark and Orange, N. J., thought the price might shorten even to 3 or 2 to 1 by the time the gong sends them out around 9 p.m. (E. S. T.) tomorrow.

The "gimmick" gag you recall, started a couple of weeks back when Joe Jacobs, Galento's mouthpiece and manager, educated the boys concerning this device, which is also known as a "slug" when carried in a boxer's glove. Jacobs later withdrew his statement, in which he had declared he was not altogether satisfied with the way Louis had flattened Max Schmeling last year.

The athletic commission referred to the "gimmick" among other illegal tactics in its press conference today. After pointing out (1) that no foul business of any kind will be tolerated in the fight, (2) that the bout can end in a disqualification, despite the so-called "no foul rule," and (3) that Galento's request for Arthur Donovan as referee would have no bearing on the commission's selection of the arbiter, General Phelan added:

"You may hear of the gimmick again later." (This was taken to mean the general might bring the subject up at the weigh-in and instruction period for the two fighters at noon tomorrow.)

Ticket Sale Brisk

The ticket sale continued brisk throughout this fight eve, and Promoter Mike Jacobs, although his rose-colored hopes of a million dollar gate have long-since been abandoned, saw the possibility of a $500,000 house if the expected last-minute rush materializes. Something between $350,000 and $450,000 would appear to be more like it, however.

Louis, his training ending on a fine boxing display yesterday, took things easy today. But the beer-swilling Galento, unorthodox to the end, surprised everyone by going through 12 rounds of work in a gymnasium in Newark, where he drove from his Summit, N. J., camp. Although he did no sparring, he went through five rounds of bag-punching and seven of shadow boxing and rope skipping. Then he added a brief "secret" session in the Orange Y. M. C. A.

Just to finish off on the same unusual keynote, he'll do seven miles of roadwork tomorrow morning, and then retire to count the cash registers in his bar in Orange. Promptly at 7 p.m. he's going to turn it over to his bartender, and say simply: "I've got a date in Yankee Stadium tonight, so you handle this for a couple of hours till I get back." There are many who believe if Tony gets back at all that evening it'll have to be with plenty of assistance, for tangling with Mr. Louis is usually no fun for the other guy.

In fact, Tony's sole advantage when he gets into the ring will be in the weight department. He and his ample "bay window" should tip the beam at something like 230 pounds, while the tan titleholder rated off his recent starts, will go at about 200.

These recent starts, incidentally, include knockouts of less than one round each over Max Schmeling, John Henry Lewis and Jack Roper. While Tony has a mighty left hand and boasts of never having been knocked off his feet in 11 years of campaigning up and down the cauliflower circuit, it must be remembered he's never been in a tea party like Louis puts on these days.

Both are Confident

"I jes goes out and gets it over with soon as possible," Joe says. "I dunno how long Tony'll take me, but as soon as I ketch him comin' in, I'll finish it."

"Yeah," hollered Tony in reply, "That's what he says. I'll flatten dat bum. I'll do it in five rounds."

ODDS ON CHAMP FALL TO NARROWER 1 TO 6

Tony Refuses To Show Fear Of Louis On Eve Of Brawl

AND THE BIG GUY HITS

His Left Hook Has Power And Joe Is An Easy Mark For That Type Of Punch—Ticket Sale Picks Up

By EDDIE BRIETZ
Associated Press Sports Writer

NEW YORK, June 25.—The big fight news along Broadway tonight is the amazing shift in sentiment towards Tony Galento in his heavyweight title brawl with Joe Louis in the Yankee Stadium Wednesday night.

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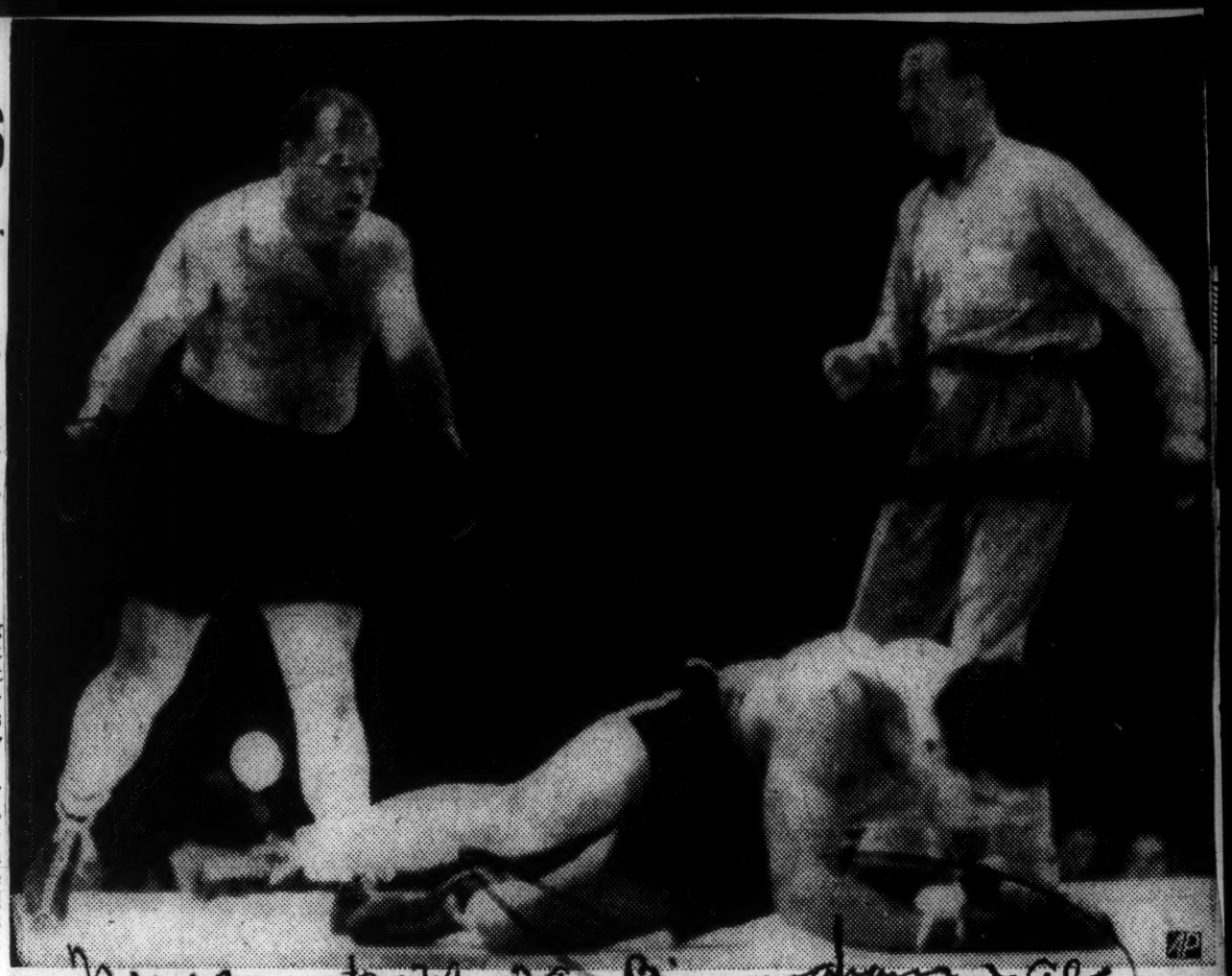
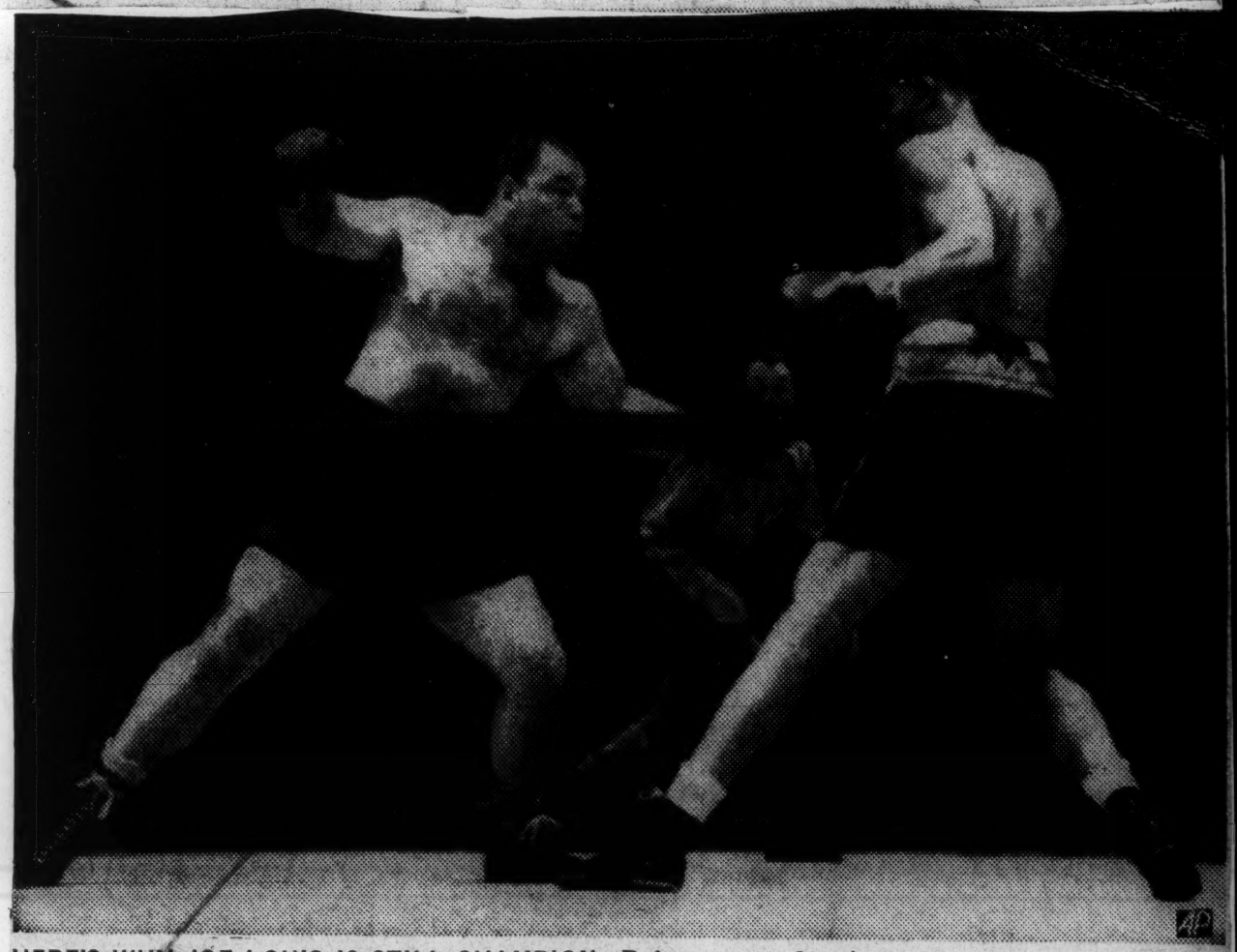


"I'LL KILL DAT BUM!"—BUT NOT THIS TIME—Sprawled on the canvas in their surprising third round lies World Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis while Tony Galento towers over him as if to burst out with a victory call—but the entire picture was reversed in the next frame when the Brown Bomber belted out Tough Tony to retain his title. Referee, Arthur Donovan; ring is in Yankee Stadium, New York.



HERE'S WHY JOE LOUIS IS STILL CHAMPION—Before a crowd estimated at 40,000, Joe Louis successfully defended his world heavyweight championship in the Yankee Stadium by a fourth-round technical knockout victory over New Jersey's beer baron, Tony Galento. This picture shows third-round action, with Tony presenting a wide-open target—one of the reasons Joe was able to land in there with his kayo punch.

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Louis Can't Take a Punch But He Can Dish 'Em Out, Records of Battle Show

Bomber-Galento Fight Presents Many 'Ifs,' Most of Which Are Silly, Says Whitney Martin

By Whitney Martin
(The Associated Press)

New York, June 30.—The late Louis-Galento affair still is subbing for the weather as the leading topic of conversation of those who were present, most of the remarks being sprinkled with "ifs" and tinged with the hope that something might be brought out to prove that Louis is human after all.

It is the old story of an inborn resentment against perfection, the satisfaction that might be obtained from the discovery that the model citizen sometimes uses 1890 model barroom language when things go wrong.

Most of the "ifs" are downright silly. In fact, the only really logical question is: How does Louis take a punch? The answer is: He just isn't constituted to take punishment, which is no reflection on his courage. In short, his jaw is a little on the glassy side.

Other questions brought up carry obvious answers, for instance:

Needed Blackjack

Would Galento have knocked him out if Tony's arms were longer? Sure, and if he was six inches taller, could move around faster, and carried a blackjack.

If Galento had followed up when he had Louis on the floor would he have won? He followed up to the best of his ability, and he didn't win.

If Tony had stayed in his crouch instead of emerging to throw punches would he have lasted longer? Possibly, but he wouldn't have had Joe on the floor, either. A turtle can't bite if it keeps its biter under the shell.

Although it becomes increasingly obvious that Louis becomes befuddled and frightened when he is hurt, it also is true that an engineer on a train possibly couldn't take much, but, oh, boy, what his engine can do when it hits a truck.

With the exception of the first Schmeling fight, Louis has handed out more than he has received. Seven men, some of them brave, some so scared their legs tried to go in all directions at once, have taken a shot at the Bomber since he won the title.

All Had Their Chances

And the champion who can't take a punch took them all. They all had the same chance to prove that Louis isn't a great fighter. All they showed is that he is a great puncher. Their eyes showed it, and also their noses, and mouths, and chins.

Unless Joe retires, some young squirt will come along and knock him colder than a frosted pump handle. But it will have to be someone who can do most of the damage with one punch. Otherwise, before he can get in another those tan whips Louis calls arms will lash out and take all the victory notions out of his opponent's head.

Maybe he can't take a punch, but why doesn't someone beat him? After all, they pay off on the winner, so maybe he should be given a little credit after all. Galento can take a punch better, but he isn't champion. The title rests with the man who gives until it hurts.

ON THE SCOREBOARD

By Lester Rodney

WHEN a man is knocked out in four rounds and becomes the talk of the town, that's about the greatest tribute possible to accord to the fighter who knocked him out.

So today Joe Louis is more firmly established than ever as the greatest heavyweight of all time, while a little fat swinger from Jersey rates a big cheer for a courageous stand that once again proves that no cold-blooded "experting" can accurately gauge the possibilities to which any man may rise on any given night.

It was a great fight. As the gong for the fourth round tried to be heard through the continuous roar of 35,000 wildly excited people, someone in the press box said, "No matter what happens from now on this has been the greatest heavyweight fight since Dempsey-Firpo." What happened from then on was that Louis, after having been staggered in the first and knocked down in the third, punched Tony Galento unconscious with a barrage of fast, sure, pile-driving blows that left the challenger draped limp and bloody across the middle strand of rope, and left for his dressing room, having won his seventh consecutive title defense in a period of two years, something never before approached. If one or two carping critics who have always waited for a chance to jump on Louis claim he has a "glass jaw," ask them how come Joe bounced right off the canvas after absorbing the Sunday clout of a heavy puncher, and proceeded to knock him cold with more power than he had ever shown before. It's those one or two scribes mentioned that are showing the glass jaw—they don't relish and can't take like sportsmen and sportswriters the sight of this great Negro fighter carving a more and more firm niche in the Athletic Hall of Fame every time he fights.

Galento Suprises

Galento put on a great show. An 8-1 underdog, he came out unafraid and punching and went as far down the line as his limited skill permitted before going out. And he really went out. This will go into the record as a "technical knockout," but there's nothing technical about being punched unconscious. It took five minutes to revive Tony after he was carted off the ropes a senseless bleding hulk. It was a great fight because Tony had more stuff than he was given credit for, enough to stagger the champ in the first with a lunging left hook and to knock him down in the third after having been on the verge of a kayo himself in the second. He showed enough to bring out the real class of Louis, who hurt, still maintained command, never missed a punch and finally put him away completely and convincingly. That, my friends, was the badge of a real champion. Jack Dempsey showed the same thing years back when he was knocked out of the ring by another underrated 250-pounder, [illegible] Firpo and came back in to knock him stiff. Any fighter can be [illegible] and any fighter can go down. The champions come back off the floor and win.

The first hard punch in the fight was Galento's hook that staggered Louis and brought the crowd up with an amazed roar.

The crouching, hairy, stubby armed challenger tried to rush in and follow his advantage, but Louis boxing carefully, avoided further damage and towards the end the round began to open up, whipping in terrific shots to the stomach. In the second he caught all Galento's lunges midway and beat him to the punch every time until in the middle of the round he got Tony reeling up straight out of his crouch and lifted him right off the floor with a one-two-to-the-jaw that sat the fat one down blinking—the first time Galento had ever been off his feet in the ring.

The third started the same way and it looked like the end for Galento after a gallant try. But he was still throwing and had one more shock for the customers. That was the punch that sat Louis down suddenly as they were coming out of a clinch, a powerful left hook that caught the jaw and was followed by a right to the stomach. Joe later admitted that it hurt, but he never was hazy. He go up and was again in command by the end of the round. The fatal fourth started with Galento roaring across the ring right into a fearsome right that sounded like a driver connecting with a golf ball. That took the rest of th fight out of the gallant Tony who went down shortly after under the sharpshooting blows of the man who hits too hard and fast for the eye to follow.

Dressing Rooms

Joe paid tribute to Galento's gameness in the dressing room. "He's really tough and as game as any I ever fought. Sure I'd fight him again if he wanted it and the fans thought he deserved it. I believe I could beat him again." Besieged by shouting camera men and milling sports writers before he could even lie back and relax, Joe took it as usual with real grace. He never skips a question, answering each and every scribe. "That's their work—mine is fighting," he said. He admitted he got a little careless in the third when he didn't think Tony had any sting left, but took pains not to minimize the game stand and solid punch of his opponent. "And remember, I said it would be a hard fight," he reminded the writers. After he dressed, when the rest of the writers had gone, I stayed and watched Joe make the newsreel shots, and that's something especially interesting to talk about tomorrow.

Outside Galento's dressing room, huddled off to a side with two friends, Mrs. Galento was sobbing her heart out, holding her eyes, moaning "It was terrible. It was terrible." Old-time newspapermen, rushing to their dressing room assignments, stopped almost 100 per cent to say gruffly: "Stop crying. He made a great fight. You can be proud." Some moved on with moist eyes.

Galento was a mess, the worst I've ever seen after a fight. His face was the best tribute to his gameness. We'll skip the details. Tony is a bellicose, loud-mouthed shouter, without much grace in losing and still mumbling things about "dat bum." But he showed himself to be a fighting man—no phony. All the sportswriters, including yours truly, did him something of an injustice by dismissing him glibly as a clown with no chance. But then sportswriters don't go into the ring to do the fighting. It's easy to dispose of a man with a typewriter, but Joe Louis, the fighter, knew that it's a different matter to dispose of a rigged 230-pound puncher with fists when he said, "I'm expecting a tough fight."

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'Rooster' Hammon, Who Has Seen 'Em All, Rates Joe Louis Greatest Glove Slinger

DETROIT, June 29—There is a certain enchantment surrounding the fabulous fighters of the romantic past, an enchantment which has left the majority of old-time fight fans devoid of any appreciation for the current brigade of ear scramblers. It is almost sacrilegious, in their estimation, to make any comparison between the warriors of yore and those of today. It just isn't cricket.

But there is an exception, ever so often, who comes skipping blithely across the intervening years and is willing to cast a few bricks at that halo surrounding those heroes of the past and take a looksee at the whole situation with a discerning eye. And it's of this exception that I'm writing.

Thomas (Booster) Hammond has been able to span the enchanted space between the days of the legendary warriors of the mauve era and the early turn of the century, and the present crop of beakbusters who unlimber their thrusts in the presence of thousands of fight fans crouched just beyond the pale of the glaring ring lights. Rooster has seen them all.

SAW PAST GREATS

Starting way back yonder in the early nineties when Joe Gans George Dixon, Joe Walcott, Terry McGovern, Frank Erne, Bob Fitzsimmons, James J. Corbett, Peter Jackson, and other ring stalwarts were prancing along the highway of fistic acclaim, Rooster, as he is known to intimates, has been witnessing ring battles continuously, including the shindig at Yankee Stadium between Louis and Galento, Wednesday night. Rooster saw Gans in no less than 10 battles, the first between the "Old Master" and Steve Crosby, a tough hombre, in Louisville, in 1898. He also saw Gans and Frank Erne in two battles, and was in a ringside seat the night Terry McGovern and Erne mussed up each other in old Madison Square Garden.

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Box Office Reflections

Between trips to the training camps at Summit and Pompton Lakes, N. J., Promoter Mike Jacobs reported the trend toward Galento is showing up in recent box office activity, though he has had to revise his original hope for a -half-million-dollar gate.

Nearing fight time, and with concrete evidence at hand in the form of actual sales, Jacobs now forecasts a gallery of 60,000 and a gate of $400,000—but will probably be glad to settle for 40,000 fans and a $350,000 gate.

Other and more conservative guesses think the final checkup will show an attendance of around 30,000 and a gross business of between $250,000 and $300,000.

Galento was his old roaring self as he wound up training before 2000 addicts at Summit Sunday. He will do road work and calisthenics Monday and Tuesday. Galento has boxed 205 rounds in 41 days at Summit and Asbury Park.

TONY SAYS HE'LL K. O. JOE INSIDE FIVE

(Special to The Times-Picayune)

Summit, N. J., June 25.—Little Sir Buffalo, known as Tony Galento of New Jersey, concluded his six weeks of pugilistic servitude here today by predicting he would knock out Joe Louis within five rounds at the Yankee Stadium next Wednesday night. Shaking his head, battered but unbowed after five grueling rounds, Galento forecast a rough-and-tumble battle calculated to scramble the champ's reflexes and set him up for the powerhouse punch on which Tony expects to ride to the heavyweight heights.

Galento's handlers said he had boxed a total of 205 rounds in 41 days of training and would confine himself to calisthenics and road work until Wednesday. He expects to weigh about 230 for his date with Jolting Joseph—the only guy who doesn't believe there's a "fight" due Wednesday night.

LOUIS UNLIMBERS HEAVIEST ARMORY

(The Associated Press)

Pompton Lakes, N. J., June 25. —Joe Louis unlimbered his heaviest guns today, dealt misery to four sparring partners, but failed to impress Ted Broadribb, British manager who brought Tommy Farr to America.

While Louis belabored four sparmates a round apiece before an overflow crowd of 5000 who jammed every available inch of space, Broadribb commented:

"Louis is not fighting his usual fight. Instead of remaining at long range and using his superior boxing skill he is trying to work in close and punch for the body. He'll be making a serious mistake if he tries to meet Galento at Tony's own game."

The four-round drill is the last hard workout the champion will undergo before defending his title in Yankee Stadium.

King Body Cracks Down On Manager

Galento's Manager Says Maybe Bomber's Gloves Don't Contain 'Gimmicks' at All

By the Associated Press.

Asbury Park, N. J., Jun 14.—For two short hours today, Joe Jacobs, the old front-page master mind, had th ballyhoo pot at a brisk boil for the 15-round heavywight title bout between his Tony Galento and Champion Joe Louis June 28.

But the New York Athletic Commission took him seriously and chilled the thing like last night's mashed potatoes.

Jacobs, who has been thinking up "angles" for his fighters for 25 years said he wasn't at all satisfied about the way Louis flattened Max Schmeling in a couple of minutes a year ago. As a precaution, he would demand a round-by-round examination of the Brown Bomber' gloves when he tangles with Tony he announced.

"Withdraws Charges."

"I am going to ask the commission," he said, "to let me have one of my men in Louis' corner to look over his gloves before every round. If the commission won't permit that then I'm going to insist that the referee look over those gloves between every heat."

The only trouble was that Maj Gen. John J. Phelan, the commission chairman, happened to be on hand to see Galento's training routine. In less time than it takes to tell the general pulld Jeacobs to on side and laid down the law. Then, with Phelan at his elbow. Joe summoned the newspapermen. and announced:

"I'm withdrawing the charges."

Joee, however, intimated he virtually was forced to back water. Adding one and one and getting two, it appeared he would either have had to retract the statement or his license to second Galento would be taken away.

Moves Training Camp

The general didn't stop there either. Before he walked out, he had the commission physician, Dr Edward Walker. examine Tony, and then, at Phelan's suggestion, Jacobs decided Galento's training base would be moved overnight from here to Mme. Bey's Camp at Summit, N. J.

The decision to mave the camp didn't sit well with the folks hereabouts, for Jacobs had a contract with Asbury Park.

After being advised of possible legal repercussion, Joe issued another statement that there were "too many outside influences here to fully concentrate on training."

But that was only secondary to Joe's big splash. Immediately after he gave out his original statement, he had all the oldtimers recalling stories of "gimmicks" from far back. The gimmock, just to set you straight, is a blunt metal instrument. which can be carried in the palm of a boxing glove.

At Louis' Pompton Lakes training camp Jacob's charges were considered the best laugh since Joe's pork chops were "swiped."

"Only gimmick 'at Louis boy had in his glove that night," said Trainer Jack Blackburn, "was a five-fingered gimmick."

Reds Buy Pitcher

Cincinnati, June 14 (AP).—General Manager Warren C. Giles, of the Cincinnati Reds, announced tonight the purchase of Art Jacobs, left-handed relief pitcher, from Buffalo, of the International League. In addition to cash, the Reds sent Buffalo Earl Cook, who has been on option with Columbus of the American Association.

NOW HOW ABOUT GIVING LOUIS HIS PROPER DUE. SAYS U. P. SCRIBE

(Henry McLemore, United Press feature writer, late of Atlanta, Georgia, comes in with a honey today that is particularly timely in view of the fact that several metropolitan sports writers seem to have misplaced their sense of balance in dealing with the Louis-Galento fight.—Ed.) Daily Worker

By Henry McLemore

Prophesy: the man who will finally defeat Joe Louis and succeed him as heavyweight champion of the world will be a doctor. 7-1-39 New York Daily Worker

I feel certain of this because doctors, more than any other class of people, are always getting first hand accounts of Joe's weaknesses and just what is needed to beat him.

No sooner is one of Joe's victims readied for the operating table than he starts telling the consulting surgeons, who are there to mend him, just what Louis lacks as a champion and how to capitalize it. Max Schmeling spoke above the rattling of his loose verterbrae to brand Louis as a man who couldn't hit.

Max Baer interrupted the hemstitching on his face to point out the champion's flaws and how he could be taken. At the risk of having all his teeth fall on the floor, Jim Braddock rose from his bed of pain to tell the men of mercy who stood solemnly about that Louis was just a flash in the pan and wasn't here to stay.

So did all the other Louis challengers, the latest being Tony Galento. At the risk of being torn apart by the "protective" New York policemen who guarded his dressing room. I followed Galento into his Yankee Stadium retreat after he had been knocked out in four rounds by Louis.

Still out of his mind, and with his face furrowed like a corn field with nasty cuts, Galento mumbled through horribly swollen lips that Louis was a bum and couldn't hit a lick. As physicians put enough clamps on his wounds to hang out the Monday wash of a family of five, Galento told them that Louis never really hit him, but that he just "shoved me around." Later, wearing a smart ice cap at a rakish angle and outfitted in the latest pastel shades of gauze and tape, Tony demanded a return match.

"The next time I'll knock the bum out. I just got careless, else I would have beat hell out of him this time," he said.

I hate to utter a discordant note at this time of Galento's greatest "triumph"—when the papers are dripping with columns of praise for him as a fighter and a man. But isn't it time that Louis got a little praise as a fighter? Isn't it time that we stop making heroes of men who last three, four or five rounds with him, and give the Negro boy his due as a tremendous hitter and fellow with courage?

It is getting so that the men Louis beat to a pulp receive much more credit for not being killed outright than Louis does for rendering them helpless. If a man goes into the ring against Louis and shows enough courage to walk forth to meet his he is hailed as a Richard the Lion-Hearted. A resolute and stout fellow.

It seems to have been forgotten that Louis still is a man and not a machine. He eats, sleeps, shaves like all the men he fights. He has all the human foibles. His chin is not above being hurt, and his stomach will yield to a mighty blow. In a way, the praise that is heard of the men who last a few rounds with Louis is the highest form of tribue to the champion. His record is so tremendous, his hitting so devastating, that he now is looked upon as a robot killer, and we have evolved an entirely new method of measuring challengers for the title. They don't have to win to earn the laurel wreath. All they have to do is to escape with their lives, show a little courage, and make it last long enough to get all the customers seated.

JOE LOUIS - GALENTO

CHAMP TO FACE 'BICYCLE' LAD IN DETROIT RING

Winners Will Probably Be Matched In Test Next Spring

Obtaining Of Tiger Park Only Barrier In Way Of Title Scrap

BY SID FEDER

NEW YORK, June 29—(AP)—The heavyweight fashion parade, momentarily in the off-season after Joe Louis' four-round technical knockout over Tony Galento, was made ready for Fall showing Thursday with details virtually completed for two September bouts.

The Associated Press learned that these two bouts, looking toward a meeting between the victors next Spring, would be:

1. Champion Louis in Detroit aginst Bob Pastor, the ex-New York University footballer who went 10 rounds aboard his bicycle with the Brown Bomber two years ago.

2. Galento against the only other outstanding challenger of the moment, California Lou Nova, either in Philadelphia or New York.

Arrangement of these bouts, which would find the already talked-of rematch of the Louis-Galento blood-and-thunder thriller of Wednesday night coming off probably next June if both get by, featured a day full of fistic developments, that included:

1. Louis, his only mark from Tony's thunderous left-hand shots a deep bluish bruise under the right eye, revealed that he went into the ring Wednesday night with the intention of letting the fight go about 10 rounds, and changed his mind when he was floored in the third session.

2. Joe Jacobs, Galento's manager, disclosed that Tony wasn't as serious about his training for Louis as his menage had made out. "Why," Jacobs said, "he was out almost every night till 1 or 2 o'clock, and he smoked cigars and drank beer the same as always."

3. Revelation by the fists of Galento and Max Schmeling (two years ago) that the Brown Bomber's chin is vulnerable, caused just about every fight manager to hurl a challenge at the champion. Even Joe Gould spoke his piece on behalf of a return go for Tommy Farr, who lasted 15 rounds with Louis. Promoter Mike Jacobs turned thumbs down on this one, since it involved holding the fight in London. Another challenge came from Melio Bettina, recognized in New York States as light heavyweight champion

4. Promoter Jacobs announced that gross receipts from the crowd of 34,852, plus $50,000 from radio and motion picture rights, brought the total gross proceeds from Wednesday night's fignt to $333,302.68, fro mwhich, after federal and state taxes were deducted, Louis collected $114,332.87, thus bringing his total ring earnings over the $1,500,000 mark. Galento's "cut" was $50,020.63.

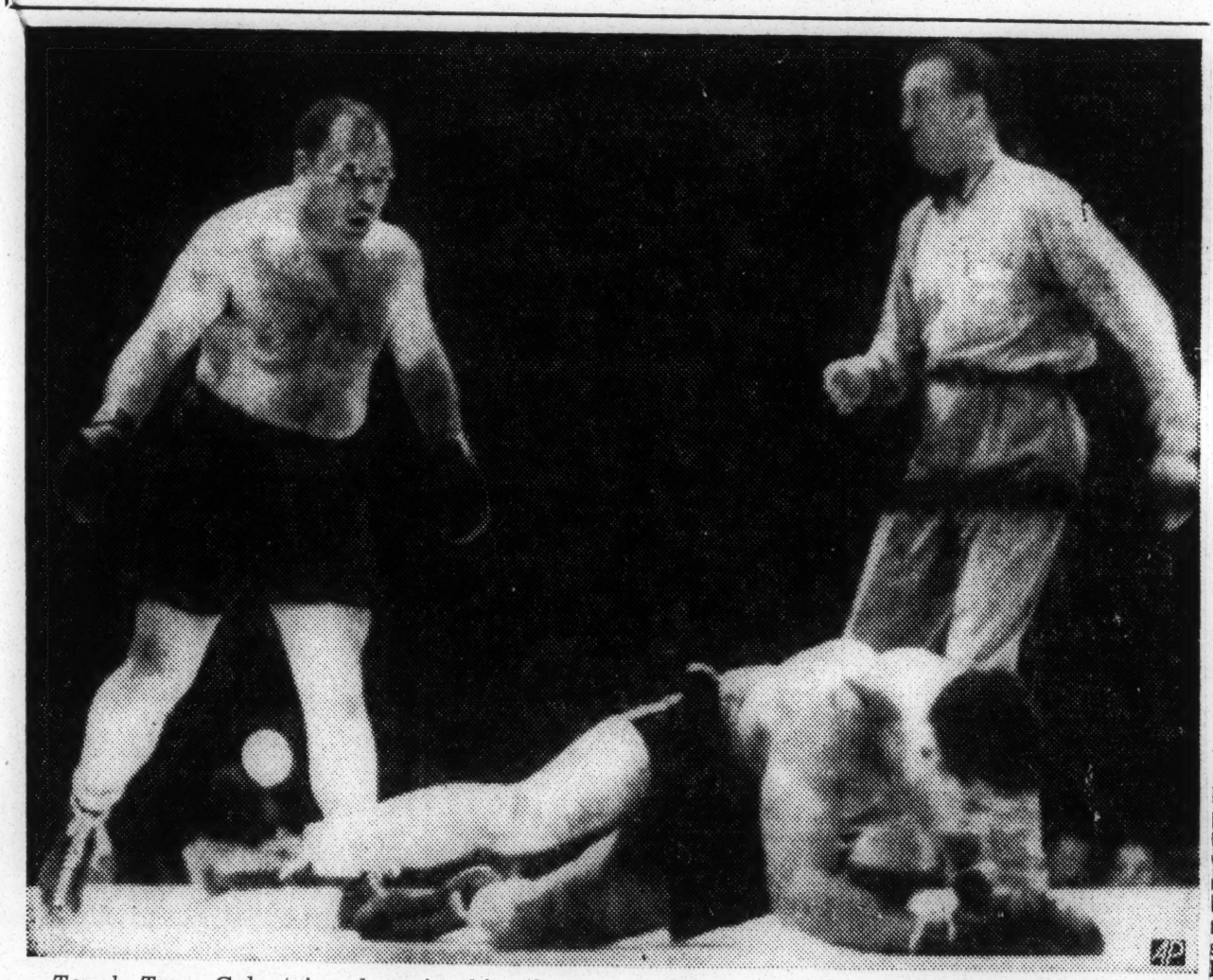
5. Referee Arthur Donovan, who has been the third man in the ring in all Louis' fights here, decided he had never officiated at a "hotter" fight and said that until Tony went down under a murderous attack in the fourth he had no idea of stopping the bout. "Even when he's hurt," the veteran official explained, "Galento always is dangerous until he's knocked cold."

Only major detail still left in the path of the Louis-Pastor contest was negotiations for use of Briggs' Stadium, home of the Detroit Tigers baseball club, and this was expected to be ironed out without too much difficulty.

Louis said he didn't care who he fought next, although he explained he understood the winner of the recent Nova-Max Baer bout, which was Nova, was to get the shot.

"Y'know," he added, "I'd like to take on Mr. Galento again. I hit him harder with more punches than I ever hit anybody. Nova or nobody else would be as tough as him."

High Water Mark Of Tony's Bid For Crown



Tough Tony Galento's championship hopes reached their peak in the third round of his Wednesway night battle with the Detroit Brown Bomber, when the Orange, N. J., tavern keeper floored the champion for a two-count. The pudgy challenger is shown standing above Louis following the knockdown. In the succeeding round a two-fisted attack by Louis cut Tony to ribbons and caused Referee Arthur Donovan, shown in picture, to award Joe a technical knockout victory.

JOE IS FAVORED TO END BATTLE BEFORE FIFTH

Half Million Dollar Gate In Prospect As Ducat Sale Goes Briskly

Bomber Idle Tuesday But Galento Gets In Long Warm-Up Session

BY SID FEDER

NEW YORK, June 27—(AP)—The "Gimmick" reared its ugly head again Tuesday, along with other assorted varieties of prize ring Mayhem, as the fight industry looked toward Yankee Stadium and Wednesday night's heavyweight title bout between Champion Joe Louis and the pudgy challenger, Tony Galento.

Twenty-four hours before the Brown Bomber and the battling beer barrel were scheduled to climb into the ring, before a crowd estimated at 50,000 or so, the New York State Athletic Commission held a meeting to explain pointedly that no rough-house, as has been threatened, will be tolerated in this punch-tossing party.

"The rule book covers everything," explained Commission Chairman General John J. Phelan.

"And any question that comes up from the opposing forces," he added in his most confusing style, "is contrary to the rules and regulations—they are simply wasting time We are going to live rigidly according to our rules and laws."

This seemed to take care of every situation promised or hinted from both camps, with the possible exception of how long the fight will last. Almost to a man, the "experts" from all corners of the country climbed aboard the Louis Bandwagon with predictions of a knockout for Joe in five rounds or less in his seventh defense of fightdom's richest honor. This department, stringing along with the crowd, likes the Louis Dynamite to blast the beer keg who walks, in two or three heats.

Despite this preponderant majority in Louis' favor, however, the odds dwindled somewhat. While the outlying areas still had Joe on top at about 1 to 8 or 10, there were places in the Metropolitan Area where Two-ton was on the short end of odds as small as 5 or 6 to 1. Bookmakers around Tony's home Bailiwick in Newark and Orange, N. J., thought the price might shorten even to 3 or 2 to 1 by the time the gong sends them out around 8 p.m. (Birmingham time) Wednesday.

"Gimmick" Gag Out

The "Gimmick" gag, you recall, started a couple of weeks back when Joe Jacobs, Galento's mouthpiece and manager, educated the boys concerning this device, which is also known as a "slug" when carried in a boxer's glove. Jacobs later withdrew his statement, in which he had declared he was not altogether satisfied with the way Louis had flattened Max Schmeling last year.

The Athletic Commission referred

to the "Gimmick" among other illegal tactics in its press conference Tuesday. After pointing out (1) that no foul business of any kind will be tolerated in the fight, (2) that the bout can end in a disqualification, despite the so-called "no foul rule," and (3) that Galento's request for Arthur Donovan as referee would have no bearing on the commission's selection of the arbiter, Gen. Phelan added:

"You may hear of the Gimmick again later." (This was taken to mean the general might bring the subject up at the weigh-in and instruction period for the two fighters at noon Wednesday.)

The ticket sale continued brisk throughout this fight eve, and Promoter Mike Jacobs, although his rose-colored hopes of a million dollar gate have long-since been abandoned, saw the possibility of a $500,000 house if the expected last-minute rush materializes. Something between $350,000 and $450,000 would appear to be more like it, however.

Bomber Idle

Louis, his training ending on a fine boxing display Monday, took things easy Tuesday. But the beer-swilling Galento, unorthodox to the end, surprised everyone by going through 12 rounds of work in a gymnasium in Newark, where he drove from his Summit, N. J., camp. Although he did no sparring, he went through five rounds of bag-punching and seven of shadow boxing and rope skipping. Then he added a brief "secret" session in the Orange Y. M. C. A.

Just to finish off on the same unusual keynote, he'll do seven miles of roadwork Wednesday morning, and then retire to count the cash registers in his bar in Orange. Promptly at 7 p.m., he's going to turn it over to his bartender, and say simply: "I've got a date in Yankee Stadium tonight, so you handle this for a couple hours till I get back." There are many who believe if Tony gets back at all that evening it'll have to be with plenty of assistance, for tangling with Louis is usually no fun for the other guy.

In fact, Tony's sole advantage when he gets into the ring will be in the weight department. He and his ample "bay window" should tip the beam at something like 230 pounds, while the tan titleholder, rated off his recent starts, will go at about 200.

These recent starts, incidentally, include knockouts of less than one round each over Max Schmeling, John Henry Lewis and Jack Roper. While Tony has a mighty left hand and boasts of never having been knocked off his feet in 11 years of campaigning up and down the cauliflower circuit, it must be remembered he's never been in a tea party like Louis puts on these days.

"I jes goes out and gets it over with soon as possible," Joe says. "I dunno how long Tony'll take me, but as soon as I ketch him comin' in, I'll finish it."

"Yeah," hollered Tony in reply, "that's what he says. I'll flatten dat bum. I'll do it in five rounds."

GALENTO GETS LOUIS' RESPECT UNTIL IT'S OVER

Tribune 6-27-39 Chicago

Joe Ends Hard Work for Title Fight.

BY ARCH WARD.

[Chicago Tribune Press Service.]

New York, June 26.—Sour-faced Joe Louis with the great pincushion lips, today wound up training for the third defense of his heavyweight title since the first of the year. He will do only light road work tomorrow and then will relax until Wednesday morning, when he will motor to the offices of the New York boxing commission for the weighing-in ceremonies attending his fight with Tony Galento in Yankee stadium that night.

The champion concluded his preparations with four rounds of boxing against four different sparmates. This is the first time Louis has worked so vigorously two days before a match. He went one round each with Willie Snell, Joe Banovic, Jim Howell and George Nicholson. He concentrated on body punching, because handlers figure Galento's only chance is to come in close. A crowd of several hundred, including Promoter Mike Jacobs, watched Louis' last ring drill.

Asked at his Pompton Lakes camp this morning whether he thought Galento had a chance to whip him, Louis replied: "He's got two fists ain't he?" A telephone call to Summit, where a check on Galento's physical equipment was made by a TRIBUNE reporter substantiated the champion's statement.

Has Respect for Tony's Left.

What Louis was trying to say is that any fighter with two fists should not be taken too lightly. It is convincing evidence that Joe is not under estimating the wallop in Galento's left glove, although the odds on Broadway are 5 to 1 Tony won't finish the bout.

Promoter Mike Jacobs, who hitched his wagon to a star when he picked Louis out of Golden Gloves, is hopeful the match will draw close to a $500,000 gate, but it is unlikley net receipts will exceed $350,000. The bout is stirring some interest among the metropolitans, but hotel men say it has attracted few out of town customers.

A studied ballyhoo campaign built up by Harry Mendel, whose long connection with six day bike racing has made him an expert, has tried to impress fans with Galento's new virtues and unsuspected flaws in Louis' defense, but it apparently has failed to confuse the customers, whose capacity for confusion of this nature is practically limitless.

Want a Barroom Struggle.

Most of the spectators will be lured by the prospects of a knock down, drag out brawl, an old fashioned barroom struggle with Galento striving to win by fair means or foul. If Tony had his way, ring ethics would be ignored. The commission, however, insists they will be observed.

Whatever the attitude of the boxing public, there is no spirit of overconfidence at Pompton Lakes, where Louis has been training daily since May 29. If Galento belts him out of the ring or wins a fifteen round decision, it won't be because the champion prepared indifferently.

Jack Blackburn, who has handled Louis since he was graduated from Golden Gloves, said today as the colored boy laid aside his boxing gloves, "Louis is ready to fight fifteen rounds. He's always ready to go fifteen rounds. If he wasn't he wouldn't be a real fighter and Louis is the greatest fighter the game has known. I don't care what the people say about Galento. Joe has got to figure him tough until he whips him."

Doesn't Ask for Quick Knockout.

Blackburn, whose development of Sammy Mandell and Bud Taylor answers any question of his knowledge of ring science, isn't especially anxious for a quick knockout. He doesn't think Louis' one round victories over Schmeling, Lewis, and Roper improved him as a workman.

"You don't learn much in them one round fights," Blackburn explained. "Joe may be forgetting everything he knows by putting away his opponents too quickly. Fighting is just like any other line of work. If a job becomes too easy, a fellow's inclined to grow careless. I hope this one will be longer and tougher."

It's 6 to 1 Against Galento.

Jack Doyle, Broadway commissioner, today was quoting 6 to 1 against Galento. It was even money that Tony would not come up for the sixth round and 5 to 1 that he wouldn't respond for the fifteenth.

Tickets are priced at the usual championship scale, $27.50, $16.50 $11.50, $5.75, and $3.50. Twenty thousand general admission tickets at $2 including tax, will be placed on sale at the stadium at 6 o'clock Wednesday night.

35,000 WATCH HEAVIES BOX IN YANKEE STADIUM

Tribune 6-29-39 Chicago

Joe Weighs 200¾; Tony 233¾.

BY ARCH WARD.

[Chicago Tribune Press Service.]

New York, June 28.—Joe Louis of Chicago retained the world's heavyweight boxing championship by scoring a technical knockout over Tony Galento of Orange, N. Y., in the Yankee Stadium tonight.

The bout, scheduled for fifteen rounds, ended in the fourth.

The crowd was estimated at 35,000 and receipts at $300,000.

The referee was Arthur Donovan, and the judges were George Lecron and W. J. Healey.

Louis was the first to get to the ring surrounded by a police escort. Manager Julian Black and Louis were first in the ring, followed by Joe Jacobs, manager of Galento. Galento arrived in the other corner, walked over and shook hands with Louis, inspected Louis' bandages and showed his own.

FIRST ROUND.

Galento hooked to the body and they clinched. Tony came out of a crouch and hit Joe with a left, sending him against the ropes. Louis missed a left to the head. Galento shot a left and right to the body and Louis caught him with a left to the head. Tony landed a left hook to the body. Tony's right glanced off Louis' head. Galento hammered a left hook to Louis' head. They exchanged left hooks, Galento landing on the left side of the head. Tony staggered Joe with a left to the body and then held on while Louis hammered a left to the stomach.

SECOND ROUND.

Louis met Tony in Galento's corner. Tony crouched and Louis was short with a short left. Galento sent a left to Louis' head. The champion sent a left to Galento's head. Galento was staggered with a short left hook to the head. Galento, standing erect, was hit twice more with lefts to the body. Tony caught a solid right aside the head as he bent over. Louis hooked lefts and followed with rights as Galento rocked on his heels in his own corner. In close Joe hit Tony with a right uppercut. Galento went down for a three count from a left hook. Galento held on as Louis hammered both hands to the head. Galento was fighting in close at the bell.

THIRD ROUND.

Galento crouched and Louis jabbed with a long left. Galento was short with a left and Louis stepped back. Tony was short with a left hook and clinched, forcing Joe to the ropes. Galento rushed Louis to the ropes again and Joe held on. Tony's left landed on Louis' head. In a half clinch Galento's left hook knocked Louis to the floor for a count of one. Galento staggered Louis again and they wrestled to the ropes. Galento was short with a left and Louis clinched without striking a blow. Tony crouched and Joe was short with a left. Tony forced Joe into a neutral corner and hammered him with both hands. Tony hit Louis with a left hook to the head as the bell rang.

FOURTH ROUND.

They circled in midring. Joe was short with a left. Tony rushed Joe across the ring, but failed to land with his left hook. Tony rushed Louis, who turned sideways to escape him. Galento held on with one hand and beat Joe about the head with the other. Joe landed a left to Tony's jaw. Joe's left hook smashed Galento's nose. The champion came in with another left to the jaw. Louis was short with a right and Tony clinched. Galento landed a left hook high on Louis' head. Joe landed lefts and rights to the head. Galento caught another left and right to the jaw and Referee Arthur Donovan stopped the fight. Galento's nose and mouth were badly cut. The time was 2 minutes and 39 seconds of the fourth round.

Jim Howell, former Golden Gloves heavyweight from Harlem, defeated Phil Johnson of Bayonne, N. J., in the four round bout which opened the show.

Monte Marks, Troy, N. Y., heavyweight, won the second four round decision of the program by whipping Ralph Ivins of Jamesburg, N. J. Marks had a wide margin in the first three rounds but weakened in the final.

Willie Pavlovich of Brooklyn won a vicious four rounder from Danny Temple of Detroit in the third bout of the night. They are light heavyweights. Pavlovich was the sharper puncher and his right hand repeatedly staggered Temple in the fourth round.

JOE LOUIS -- JOHN HENRY LEWIS
MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, NEW YORK, N.Y. -JAN. 25, 1939

Brown Bomber Is Big Favorite To Whip Lewis

Crowd Of 17,000 Fans Predicted For 15-Round Battle

By SID FEDER

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—AP—Installed as a prohibitive favorite, at odds as high as 1 to 10, Joe Louis puts his world heavyweight boxing championship on the line for the fifth time tomorrow night against John Henry Lewis in Madison Square Garden.

They meet over the 15-round route, and indications are for a crowd of about 17,000 contributing to a gross gate of $100,000 for the first all-negro heavyweight title clash in a quarter century.

So highly is Louis held that the betting fraternity reports little interest in wagering. The odds, hitherto placed at 1 to [illegible], have skyrocketed to a point where a Lewis victory tomorrow, however improbably regarded, would go down as one of the most astonishing upsets in ring history. In most quarters the Brown Bomber, who has revived interest in the heavyweight division for the first time since Dempsey and Tunney, is quoted at odds of 1 to 3 to score a knockout.

Joe will go into the ring at about 10 p.m. (E. S. T.) sporting a weight advantage of 15 or more pounds. Trained to as fine a condition as for any previous fight—although not in the same "killer" frame of mind as the night he chopped Max Schmeling to defeat last Summer—the champion will scale just about 200 pounds. John Henry, who only recently abdicated the light heavyweight throne, figures to tip the beam at 185 or less.

Veteran ring observers, their minds made up that Lewis is past his prime and can't hope to cope with the most dangerous puncher since Dempsey, asked each other today only "what round?" Generally, the opinion was for a knockout in less than 10 rounds with the seventh as the number most often predicted.

There had been some faint hope that John Henry's boxing skill and the ring experience he has gained in 99 previous fights would enable him to last the distance against the force of Joe's jolting dynamite. But those who have watched both fighters in their training quarters in recent days now feel that would be whistling in the dark.

Louis's punching power is as explosive as ever, while John Henry although the best boxer among the big fellows today—and probably the best Joe ever has faced—doesn't have the artillery to go along with it.

The lure Louis holds for the fight public still exists, as evidenced by the manner in which the ticket sale has been maintained in recent days. Although at first inclined to believe the gate would be about $80,000, Promoter Mike Jacobs now feels the Brown Bomber from Detroit will continue his record of never having fought before a house of less than $100,000. His three previous Garden appearances were against Paulino Uzcudun, Bob Pastor and Mann.

LOUIS BLASTS JOHN HERNY IN FIRST STANZA

$100,000 Crowd Packs Garden To Witness All-Negro Go

(From Yesterday's Final Edition)

NEW YORK, Jan. 25—(AP)—A ruthless, smashing killer with as much mercy as a bombing plane, Joe Louis blasted John Henry Lewis into submission in less than three minutes Wednesday night to successfully defend his world heavyweight championship for the fifth time.

The most dangerous puncher since Dempsey just about tore the head off the challenger with vicious right hooks as he battered John Henry all over the ring almost from the first second on. Joe dropped him for counts of two and three and then smashed him to the floor again.

There John Henry lay, helpless and goggle-eyed as Referee Arthur Donovan counted five before deciding to halt the contest, with Louis the winner and still champion by a technical knockout in 2 minutes, 29 seconds of the first round.

The champion, a 1 to 10 favorite to keep the title in this first all-Negro heavyweight championship bout in the United States history, followed just the course of campaign he had planned.

He wasn't fooled for an instant by the vaunted Lewis' boxing skill, and he went right out to complete the evening's chores as quickly as possible, against a man who is his personal friend everywhere but in the prize ring.

How well the crushing fists of the stolid slugger succeeded is evidenced by the fact that the knockout came in one of the fastest times in prize ring history. Available records show the only faster finish was registered by the Brown Bomber when he annihilated Max Schmeling in 2:04 of the first round of their bout last Summer. Wednesday night's contest, like that one, was slated for 15 rounds.

Louis entered the ring with a long pull in the weights, scaling 200¼ to the challenger's 180¾, but he didn't need that particular advantage or any other besides his mighty punching artillery.

Apparently willing to believe the stories he had heard of the classy boxing skill of Lewis, who is still recognized in National Boxing Association territory as light heavyweight champion, Jolting Joe sparred cautiously for the first 10 or 15 seconds, leading only with a light left.

Beginning Of End

Suddenly he leaped forward as the crowd of 17,350, who contributed to a gross gate of $102,015.43, roared He drove the challenger into a neutral corner and smashed over a fearful right hook full of the jaw. That punch marked the beginning of the end, for, although John Henry took it without falling, his knees sagged and his eyes became glassy.

From that point, it was just a question of how much more he could take before the inevitable ending. Another smashing right swing dropped him for the first time. He was up at the count of two, and later, in his dressing room, he was unable to say why he didn't take the full nine-count.

"I felt funny all of a sudden," he explained—which may be another form of describing how the roof falls in when Louis sends his "death in the evening" toward a rival.

On arising, the Phoenix, Ariz., battler tried to keep out of firing range, but Joe was in on him like a bolt of lightning. Two more rights and some three or four left hooks to the body draped John Henry over the bottom strand of the ropes, where he swayed until the count reached three. Then he came up again.

He countered Louis' next charge with a hook to the body, the only clean blow he landed during the brief battle, and then was battered along the ropes, helpless and defenseless, under an unmerciful onslaught, before the final right rocked him to the floor, near a neutral corner.

Could Have Arisen

John Henry later said he was in full possession of his faculties and could have arisen and continued, but to all observers in the near capacity crowd, it appeared that Referee Donovan did well in stopping the fight right there. Another of those rocket-like rights might have done him more than slight injury.

Louis' dressing room was packed immediately after the bout. In silence, he posed for photographers and shook the hands of well-wishers.

"I didn't think he hit me at all," he explained to fight writers later. "It was an easy fight—I just worked up a light sweat, and that was mostly from the lights."

The crowd and gate was a tribute to the lure Joe's awful punching power has for the fight fans. With Wednesday night's financial gross, the Detroit Dynamiter now has fought four times in Madison Square Garden and has never failed to attract a $100,000 house.

The outcome of the tilt was just as was expected by most of the fight-wise ringsiders. Louis not only entered the ring a 1 to 10 favorite, but was held as high as 1 to 5 to knock his man kicking. So great was the confidence in him that his managers and Promoter Mike Jacobs already have been talking about his program for the rest of the year.

As matters now stand, it is likely he will meet Bob Pastor, who once went 10 rounds with him—before he was champion—probably in March. After that, possibly in June, he may meet Tony Galento, the Newark puncher, who was on hand tonight and who shouted all over the ringside that he could "lick both dose bums."

Louis came out of the fight absolutely unmarked. John Henry's only memento was a swollen mouth, but it was plenty. His upper lip was puffed up as though covering a wad of tobacco.

Joe Thinks He Got Up Sweat, But Lights Did It

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN NEW YORK, Jan. 25—(AP)—"Uh-uh," said Joe Louis, "Ah broke a sweat, all right. But ah think it was them lights. They's powerful warm."

He was sitting in his dressing room after beating his "friend" John Henry Lewis into submission in 2:29 of the first round of his heavyweight title defense. He sat as he always does, quiet, shy and a little diffident before the postling crowd. There was no boasting.

"Well," said Joe, "course ah want to fight the best way they is. So ah go out and start hittin' him. 'At worked with Schmeling. 'At worked tonight. Don't know what punch it was finished him. Guess it was that right hand right plumb on his jaw ovah in the far corner that did it."

The flashlights flared. Cab Calloway pushed his way through the crowd to extend his hand and flash a white-toothed smile at the champion. The sweat-laden air became heavy with the smell of smoke and rubbing alcohol.

Joe sat quiet, talking of this fight and others.

"He didn't hit me none. He threw a couple a punches, ah guess, but they didn't land. Long as you keep punchin' the other guy ain't got much chance."

LOUIS IS NAMED TOPS IN BOXING BY 'RING' BOOK

Henry Armstrong Gives Bomber Competition In Close Race

Dusky Detroit Slugger Repeats 1936 Feat In Winning Award

NEW YORK, Jan. 27—(AP)—Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis, already declared the boxer of the year for 1938, Friday was singled out as the winner of the Ring Magazine's gold medal for the most valuable boxer of the year. Louis also won this prize in 1936.

Louis won out in a nation-wide poll of sports writers only after a far closer contest than any of his heavyweight rivals have been able to give him. The competition was provided by Henry Armstrong, the busy little Los Angeles Negro who holds the world lightweight and welterweight titles. No other fighter was given consideration for the award, which is based on:

Contribution to skill and science of boxing; sportsmanship; good relations with the public and standing as a citizen; clean and moral living; qualifications to be an example to the growing American boy. The "most valuable boxer" award first was made in 1928, when it went to Gene Tunney. Others who have won it are: Tommy Loughran, Max Schmeling, Jack Sharkey, Barney Ross and Armstrong.

Joe Louis Rates Title Of Greatest Heavyweight Of All Time, Experts Hold

'Brown Bomber" Defends Championship In Easy Victory Over Friend John Henry Lewis; Time Is 2 Minutes And 29 Seconds

Madison Square Garden—Before capacity crowd which paid a total of $102,000 to witness what was expected to be a great boxing match, Champion Joe Louis Barrow on Wednesday night of this week proved that a colored American challenger for his heavyweight crown, even in the person of Mr. John Henry Lewis of Arizona is only a little less trouble than Max Schmeling, the pride of Germany.

Max Schmeling was disposed of by the greatest champion of all times in exactly two minutes and four seconds last June 19th. On January 27, the champion, out of respect to the fact that John Henry is his dear friend, allowed the bronze boy from the West to linger around for a total of two minutes and twenty-nine seconds. John Henry, himself can tell the world that he is a better man than Schmeling, and offer as proof of the fact that he was in there on the receiving end of Champion Joe's punches for a total of 25 seconds longer than the heavyweight champion of Germany.

All there was to the heavyweight battle, and the one thing that spectators and the general public got out of it, was to realize that Joe Louis is just about the most efficient person in these United States when it comes to keeping a schedule. In the encounter with Schmeling last June Joe gave advance notice that he would dispose of the man from Germany in less than two rounds. Just prior to Wednesday nights encounter with his friend, John Henry, he announced that he would end the bout just as soon as possible. Persons who paid good money to see the affair, largely on the belief that John Henry, a fancy boxer in his own class, would be able to show his wares so as to provide a nice evening of entertainment, barely got seated for the fray before it was time to get up and go home. Millions who listened in on the radio were equally disappointed in the amount of fight fun that came in over their loud speakers.

Against any of the other current claimants of heavyweight boxing prowess John Henry Lewis very probably would have given a great account of himself and probably would have won the bout on points. Against the greatest heavyweight boxer of all times, which undoubtedly is the correct title of this Joe Louis person, John Henry was both hopeless and helpless. He didn't get chance to deliver but one good blow to the body of the champion. At the same time he took as terrific a beating in less than three minutes as has ever been administered to a boxer.

It was scored as a technical knockout for the champion. Referee Arthur Donovan undoubtedly proved himself a man of mercy in stopping the bout when he did. John Henry for the first time in his career was knocked out. He probably could have gotten to his feet again but he was in imminent danger of suffering mayhem had he done so. The champion was in a fine settle as when he ended the boxing career of Max Schmeling and he was as determined to land a haymaker to his good personal friend and fellow American of color as to any of the antagonists he has met from across the color line.

The Joe Louis of Wednesday night, in the opinion of experts could hae desposed of a Jack Dempsey and a Genet Tunney the same night and not used up the allotted fifteen rounds.

John Henry Lewis, who has met some of the best men of the game and who has been fighting since 1931, admitted after the fight that he has never met a boxer who had such power to rock an antagonist to sleep as the Brown Bomber.

Joe Louis is supposed to see if he can "catch" Bob Pastor in a bout to be held in March. He will probably be matched to meet the talkative Tony Galento next June. John Henry Lewis is "plenty tough" for any of the other heavyweights now in circulation and may take on several of them this year.

Galento Seeks Tenth Straight K. O. In Detroit

NEW YORK, Jan. 29—(AP)—Two-Ton Tony Galento, looking for his tenth straight knockout victory, moves over to Detroit for his next start in what shapes up as the leading bout on this week's national boxing program.

The Newark Nightstick, who in his last ring appearance a week ago scored a one-round knockout over Jorge Brescia, tangles with Natie Brown, of Washington, D. C., in a 10-rounder Friday night.

The light heavyweight fight featuring Tiger Jack Fox, Spokane (Wash.) Negro, and Melio Bettina, of Beacon, N. Y., in Madison Square Garden on the same night, also is of major interest. They clash in a 15-round bout, with the winner to be recognized as champion by the New York State Athletic Commission. John Henry Lewis still is the 175-pound titleholder in N. B. A territory.

The program:

Monday—At Pittsburgh, Sammy Angott, Washington, Pa., vs. Eddie Blink, Scranton, Pa., lightweights, 10; Petey Scalco, New York, vs. Jimmy Butler, Cincinnati, featherweights, 10. At Chicago, Milt Aron, Dubuque, Iowa, vs. Indian Billy Lee, Milwaukee, welterweights, 10. At Newark, N. J., Johnny Rohrig, Clifton, N. J., vs. Maxie Fisher, Newark, lightweights, 8. At Washington, D. C., Phil Furr, Washington, vs. Larry Anzalone, New York, welterweights, 8. At Holyoke, Mass., Tony Vento, Boston, vs. Jerry Maloni, Springfield, Mass., welterweights, 6. At Toronto, Johnny Gaudes, Milwaukee, vs. Lefty Gwynne, Toronto, bantamweights, 10. At Miami Beach, Jackie Carter, Pittsburgh, vs. Justio Jiminez, Cuba, featherweights, 10. At Baltimore, Howard Landgrath, Baltimore, vs. Al Ryll, Southwick, Mass., heavyweights, 8. At Minneapolis, Jimmy Collins, St. Paul, vs. Charley Jerome, Memphis, middleweights, 6.

Tuesday's Card

Tuesday—At Hartford, Conn., Howard Scott, Washington, D. C., vs. Honey Melody, Boston, Mass., lightweights, 10. At Stockton, Calif., Little Dado, Philippines, vs. Joe Roche, San Francisco, bantamweights, 10. At Los Angeles, Milo Theodorescu, Rumania, vs. Louie Flyer, Los Angeles, welterweights, 10. At New York, Pedro Montanez, Puerto Rico, vs. Jimmy Vaughn, Pittsburgh, lightweights, 8; Chalky Wright, Los Angeles, vs. Lew Feldman, New York, featherweights, 8. At San Jose, Calif., Tony Canzoneri, New York, vs. Everett Simmington, Los Angeles, lightweights, 10.

Wednesday—At San Francisco, Tiger Wade, Peoria, Ill., vs. Billy Pascal, Reno, Nev., welterweights, 6.

Thursday—At New Haven, Conn., Nathan Mann, New Haven, vs. Al Gainer, New Haven, heavyweights, 10. At Atlantic City, N. J., Bob Montgomery, Philadelphia, vs. Charley Burns, Johnstown, Pa., lightweights, 10. At Philadelphia, Frankie Caris, Philadelphia, vs. Wally Sears, Minersville, Pa., light heavyweights, 10. At Fall River, Mass., Harvey Massey, New Orleans, vs. Jackie Flowers, Fall River, middleweights, 10.

Friday—At New York, Tiger Jack Fox, Spokane, Wash., vs. Melio Bettina, Beacon, N. Y., light heavyweight championship, 15. At Detroit, Tony Galento, Orange, N. J., vs. Natie Brown, Washington, D. C., heavyweights, 10. At Omaha, Neb., Johnny Paychek, Des Moines, vs. Art Oliver, Chicago, heavyweights, 10. At Hollywood, Jackie (Kid) Berg, England, vs. Baby Breese, Manhattan, Kan., lightweights, 10. At West Palm Beach, Fla., Yucatan Kid, Mexico City, vs. Joey Green, Washington, lightweights, 10. At Philadelphia, Jack Hiller, Philadelphia, vs. Jim Robinson, Philadelphia, heavyweights, 10. At Worcester, Mass., Johnny Rossi, Worcester, vs. Sal Canata, Holyoke, Mass., middleweights, 10; Salvatore Bartolo, Boston, Mass., vs. Dave Barry, Chicago, featherweights, 10.

JOE LOUIS -- JOHN HENRY LEWIS
MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, NEW YORK, N.Y. JAN. 25, 1939

CHAMPION FAVORED TO TRIUMPH EASILY

1-22-39

Majority of Bettors Expect Louis to Score Knockout Over John Henry Lewis

ODDS OF 1 TO 6 PROBABLE

Challenger Will Be Fighting 100th Battle of Career in Garden Wednesday

HOW THE RIVALS COMPARE

LOUIS		LEWIS
25	Age	25
200 pounds	Weight	183 pounds
6 feet 1¾ in.	Height	6 feet
41 in.	Chest (normal)	38½ in.
44 in.	Chest (expanded)	41 in.
76 in.	Reach	75½ in.
14 in.	Biceps	13¾ in.
12 in.	Forearm	12¼ in.
34 in.	Waist	33¾ in.
16½ in.	Neck	17 in.
22 in.	Thigh	23½ in.
15 in.	Calf	15½ in.
10 in.	Ankle	10¾ in.
8 in.	Wrist	7½ in.
11¾ in.	Fist	12¼ in.

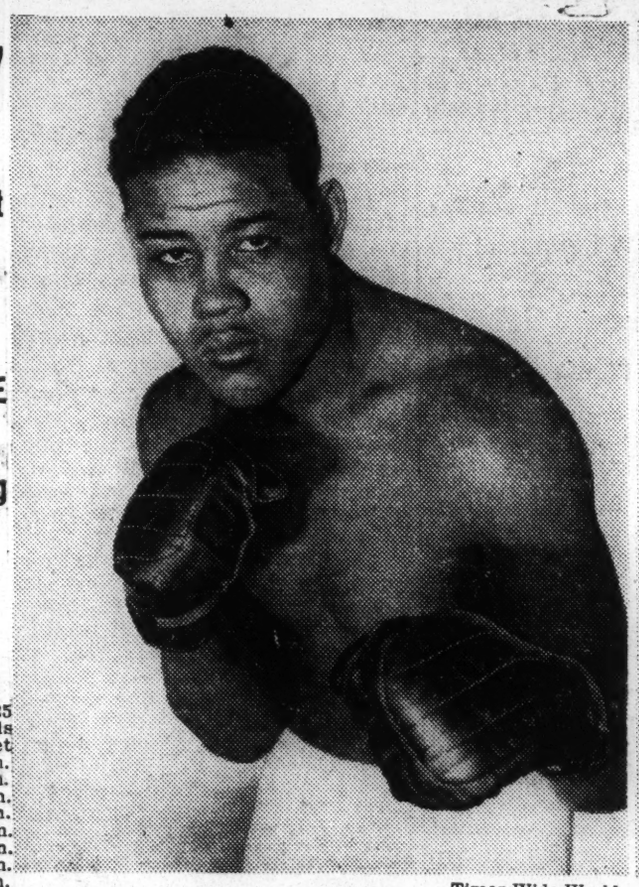
Joe Louis this week faces the fifth defense of the world heavyweight title he won from the ring-worn James J. Braddock in Chicago on June 22, 1937.

The Dark Destroyer from Detroit will seek in Madison Square Garden Wednesday to shatter the title pretentions of John Henry Lewis, Phoenix (Ariz.) Negro boxer who, although unrecognized in this State, is the world light-heavyweight champion.

They are to battle fifteen rounds, unless Louis's pulverizing fists provide an earlier finish. A gathering of 18,000 is expected to witness the encounter, the first of four bouts Louis has in prospect this year. The contest will start at 10 o'clock, or as near to that hour as the progress of the preliminaries will permit. Promoter Mike Jacobs of the Twentieth Century S. C. said yesterday he expected the fight to attract gross receipts of at least $100,000.

Tickets are priced at $16.50, $11.50, $5.75 and $3, for reserved seats. General admission is priced at $2. All prices include tax imposts. Although he was not in a position to give definite information on his advance sale, Promoter Jacobs said he was highly satisfied with the early demand for tickets and added that he expects the demand to increase, now that all rival attractions on his schedule are out of the way and the stage is set for concentration on this one event.

CHAMPION AND CHALLENGER IN HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE BOUT



Times Wide World

Joe Louis

Times Wide World

John Henry Lewis

First in 26 Years

The battle finds two Negro boxers fighting for the ring's richest prize for the first time in twenty-six years, or since 1913, when Jack Johnson engaged Battling Jim Johnson in a struggle in Paris which has since been viewed variously as a contest and as an exhibition.

If John Henry wins it will be the first time in forty years, or since James J. Jeffries dethroned the late Bob Fitzsimmons at Coney Island, that a world heavyweight title changed hands indoors. If Louis wins it will merely be another manifestation of the supremacy of this paralyzing puncher over the field of heavyweights with which he has to contend.

As a matter of fact, no better reflection of the paucity of heavyweight material is needed than the forthcoming bout. John Henry is normally a 175-pounder. He has built himself up to the unlimited weight division for the simple reason that Louis's available opponents are so few, from the standpoint of suitability.

Generally it is concluded in advance that Louis will merely add lustre to the singular record he has made in defense of the crown. No other heavyweight champion in all history has defended the title so often in a similar period of time. Few, indeed, have established such an undisputed reign. Louis made his first defense two months after he became champion, when, on Aug. 30, 1937, he defeated Tommy Farr in fifteen rounds. Last year, in order, he knocked out Nathan Mann in three rounds, Harry Thomas in five and, for his one, big explosive moment, Max Schmeling in one.

Long Out of Action

Louis has not fought since the Schmeling battle. It may be that the long layoff produced a rustiness in his fighting machinery, although the chances of anything serious in this connection are slim in a man of 25 years. The champion has earned $1,250,000 in the meteoric ring career which started less than four years ago and he likes to live up to the luxury this staggering income insures. But he does not dissipate beyond the life of ease he lives and finds it easy, with a few weeks' work, to get into fighting trim.

This explains why Louis will enter the ring Wednesday night a prohibitive favorite to win; the choice of a majority to score a knockout. Those who wager on fights are being permitted to write their own tickets on the outcome if they wish to back John Henry. That is what little chance the lighter man is accorded in advance calculations. Definitely Louis will be the favorite to win at odds of 1 to 6 when the battle begins. The man's established ability and his record justify these odds.

John Henry boasts that he has never in his career of ninety-nine battles been knocked out. This bespeaks the flashing speed and boxing ability which have been his characteristics from the time he started boxing as a professional eight years ago. He has fought the best men promoters could find and has lost only seven decisions and engaged in five drawn battles. He won the light-heavyweight title in 1935 from Bob Olin, and since annexing the crown has fought himself out of suitable foemen.

Challenger Needs Speed

Facing his one hundredth ring engagement, Louis also faces the most serious trial of his career. It is said his speed has departed, and if this is true it will be just too bad, for the Arizona boxer will be short in the one department which might give him a chance against the man whose fists have claimed so many victims.

On only one thing can there be no disagreement in advance of the bat-

Facts on Title Fight

Principals—Joe Louis, Detroit champion, vs. John Henry Lewis Phoenix, Ariz., challenger.

Title at Stake—World heavyweight championship.

Length of Bout—Fifteen rounds.

Place—Madison Square Garden.

Date—Wednesday, Jan. 25.

Time—10 P. M.

Estimated Attendance—18,000.

Estimated Receipts—$100,000.

Purse—Louis 40 per cent of the net receipts; Lewis 17½ per cent of the net receipts.

Promotion — Twentieth Century S. C., Mike Jacobs, promoter; Tom McArdle, matchmaker.

Radio Broadcast—Over NBC hookup.

Referee and Judges—To be appointed by State Athletic Commission at the ringside.

First Preliminary—8:15 P. M.

Doors Open—6 P. M.

Prices of Tickets, Reserved Seats—$16.50, $11.50, $5.75, $3 (including tax). General admission, $2 (including tax).

Preliminaries—Tony Musto, Chicago, vs. Freddie Fiducci, Newark; Tommy Tucket, East Rockaway, vs. Bill Poland, Bronx; Eddie Booker, San Francisco, vs. Holman Williams, Chicago, six rounds each; Pat Comiskey, Paterson, vs. Label Shapson, Bronx, and George Nicholson, Yonkers, vs. Lem Franklin, Chicago, four rounds each.

Brown Bomber Successfully Defends His Fistic Title With Kayo In Record Time

Referee Art Donovan Halts Bout 2:29 Minutes, After Champion Joe Blasts Lewis To Floor Three Times In Helpless Submission; 17,350 Spectators See Brief Heavyweight Duel.

By SID FEDER

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, NEW YORK, N. Y., Jan. 25.—(AP)—A ruthless, smashing killer with as much mercy as a bombing plane, Joe Louis blasted John Henry Lewis into submission in less than three minutes tonight to successfully defend his world heavyweight championship for the fifth time.

The most dangerous puncher since Dempsey just about tore the head off the challenger with vicious right hooks as he battered John Henry all over the ring almost from the first second on. Joe dropped him for counts of two no. three, and then smashed him to the floor again.

There John Henry lay, helpless and goggle-eyed, as Referee Arthur Donovan counted five before deciding to halt the contest with Louis the winner and still champion by a technical knockout in 2 minutes, 29 seconds of the first round.

The champion, a 1 to 10 favorite to keep the title in this first all-negro heavyweight championship bout in the United States history, followed just the course of campaign he had planned.

He wasn't fooled for an instant by the vaunted Lewis' boxing skill, and he went right out to complete the evening's chores as quickly as possible against a man who is his personal friend everywhere but in the prize ring.

How well the crushing fists of the stolid slugger succeeded is evidenced by the fact that the knockout came in one of the fastest times in prize ring history. Available records show the only faster finish was registered by the Brown Bomber when he annihilated Max Schmeling in 2:04 of the first round of their bout last Summer. Tonight's contest, like that one, was slated for 15 rounds.

Louis entered the ring with a long pull in the weights, scaling 200 1-4 to the challenger's 180 3-4, but he didn't need that particular advantage or any other besides his mighty punching artillery.

Apparently willing to believe the stories he had heard of the classy boxing skill of Lewis, who is still recognized in National Boxing Association territory as light-heavyweight champion, jolting Joe sparred cautiously for the first ten or 15 seconds, leading only with a light left.

Killer Joe Lands

Suddenly he leaped forward as the crowd of 17,350, who contributed to a gross gate of $102,015.43, roared. He drove the challenger into a neutral corner and smashed over a fearful right hook full to the jaw. That punch marked the beginning of the end, for, although John Henry took it without falling, his knees sagged and his eyes became glassy.

From that point, it was just a question of how much more he could take before the inevitable ending. Another smashing right swing dropped him for the first time. He was up at the count of two, and later, in his dressing room, he was unable to say why he didn't take the full nine-count.

"I felt funny all of a sudden," he explained—which may be another form of describing how the roof falls in when Louis sends his "death in the evening" toward a rival.

On arising, the Phoenix, Ariz., battler, (by way of Pittsburgh), tried to keep out of firing range, but Joe was on him like a bolt of lightning. Two more rights and some three or four left hooks to the body draped John Henry over the bottom strand of the ropes, where he swayed until the count reached three. Then he came up again.

He countered Louis's next charge with a hook to the body, the only clean blow he landed during the brief battle, and then was battered along the ropes, helpless and defenseless, under an unmerciful onslaught, before the final right rocked him to the floor, near a neutral corner.

John Henry later said he was in full possession of his faculties and could have arisen and continued, but to all observers in the near capacity crowd, it appeared that Referee Donovan did well in stopping the fight right there. Another of those rocket-like rights might have done him more than slight injury.

Louis's dressing room was packed immediately after the bout. In silence, he posed for photographers and shook the hands of well-wishers.

"I didn't think he hit me at all," he explained to fight writers later. "It was an easy fight—I just worked up a light sweat, and that was mostly from the lights."

The crowd and gate was a tribute to the lure Joe's awful punching power has for the fight fans. With tonight's financial gross, the Detroit dynamiter now has fought four times in Madison Square Garden and has never failed to attract a $100,000 house.

Experts Were Right

The outcome of the tilt was just as was expected by most of the fight-wise ringsiders. Louis not only entered the ring a 1 to 10 favorite, but was held as high as 1 to 5 to knock his man kicking. So great was the confidence in him that his managers and Promoter Mike Jacobs already have been talking about his program for the rest of the year.

As matters now stand, it is likely he will meet Bob Pastor, who once went ten rounds with him—before he was champion—probably in March. After that, possibly in June, he may meet Tony Galento, the Newark puncher, who was on hand tonight and who shouted all over the ringside that he could "lick both dose bums."

Louis came out of the fight absolutely unmarked. John Henry's only memento was a swollen mouth but it was plenty. His upper lip was puffed up as though covering a wad of tobacco.

ROUND ONE:

They came out cautiously. Each missed a light left jab after they circled about the ring. Joe missed a left hook. Joe backed John back into the challenger's corner and landed both hands to the body. A right hook sent John down for a count of two. The champion sent both hands to the head time and time again and John staggered. Donovan parted the two in John's corner. The challenger threw a left hook to the body and was draped over the ropes for a count of two. Lewis threw a right to the head and challenger was helpless. Another two handed barrage dropped John Henry to the floor along the ropes. He was goggle-eyed and all but unconscious and after referee Donovan reached a count of five he decided to halt the bout and awarded the champion the victory by a technical knockout.

LOUIS IS RATED 1-10 FAVORITE IN TITLE BATTLE

$100,000 Gate Expected For First Negro Tilt In Quarter Century

Champion Joe Will Hold 15-Pound Weight Edge Over John Henry

BY SID FEDER

NEW YORK, Jan. 24—(AP)—Installed as a prohibitive favorite, at odds as high as 1 to 10, Joe Louis puts his world heavyweight boxing championship on the line for the fifth time Wednesday night against John Henry Lewis in Madison Square Garden.

They meet over the 15-round route, and indications are for a crowd of about 17,000 contributing to a gross gate of $100,000 for the first all-Negro heavyweight title clash in a quarter century.

So highly is Louis held that the betting fraternity reports little interest in wagering. The odds, hitherto placed at 1 to 6 and 7, have skyrocketed to a point where a Lewis victory Wednesday, however, improbably regarded, would go down as one of the most astonishing upsets in ring history. In most quarters the Brown Bomber, who has revived interest in the heavyweight division for the first time since Dempsey and Tunney, is quoted at odds of 1 to 3 to score a knockout.

Joe will go into the ring at about 10 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time) sporting a weight advantage of 15 or more pounds. Trained to as fine a condition as for any previous fight—although not in the same "killer" frame of mind as the night he chopped Max Schmeling to defeat last Summer—the champion will scale just about 200 pounds. John Henry, who only recently abdicated the light heavyweight throne, figures to tip the beam at 185 or less.

What Round?

Veteran ring observers, their minds made up that Lewis is past his prime and can't hope to cope with the most dangerous puncher since Dempsey, asked each other Tuesday only "what round?" generally, the opinion was for a knockout in less than 10 rounds, with the seventh as the number most often predicted.

There had been some faint hope that John Henry's boxing skill and the ring experience he has gained in 99 previous fights would enable him to last the distance against the force of Joe's jolting dynamite. But those who have watched both fighters in their training quarters in recent days now feel that would be whistling in the dark.

Louis' punching power is as explosive as ever, while John Henry although the best boxer among the big fellows today—and probably the best Joe ever has faced—doesn't have the artillery to go along with it.

The lure Louis holds for the fight public still exists, as evidenced by the manner in which the ticket sale has been maintained in recent days. Although at first inclined to believe the gate would be about $80,000 Promoter Mike Jacobs now feels the Brown Bomber from Detroit will continue his record of never having fought before a house of less than $100,000. His three previous garden appearances were against Paulino Uzcudun, Bob Pastor and Mann.

Cleve Abbott Begins 16th Season As Coach At Tuskegee Institute

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala. Cleve L. Abbott, the crafty Tiger Mentor, has begun to rebuild. He started his sixteenth season as director of athletics and head football coach at Tuskegee this week During these years his teams have reached the top in football efficiency. Perfect timing and coordination were as much a part of the day's schedule as signal drill, kicking, passing and punting and vicious body contact. During the past sixteen years, Golden Tiger teams have won seven Southern Conference titles, and four national titles. In 1923 the Tigers tied with Morehouse College for the Southern Conference Championship.

In 1938 an Abbott-coached team suffered its worst season since 1923, winning only one game out of ten starts. There were two ties.

The coach has undertaken to rebuild. "But the results of my efforts will not be apparent immediately," he told a group interested in reestablishing the Golden Tiger machine to gridiron greatness in a recent interview.

The coach will rely upon Albert Frazier, 175-pound triple-threat halfback, to pave the way to "pay-dirt" territory. He passes with deadly accuracy, is an excellent kicker and puts on considerable speed when he gets in the open with the ball. Along with Frazier must be named Louis Slade, Richard Douglass, Bernard Baston, Marvin Fretwell and Dennis Stewart. It is suggested that these men be tagged for future reference. Their development has been gradual and at the same time very thorough

The Tuskegee line with promising material from end to end, should be able to hold, as in former years, and the backfield should be able to do fine job in ball handling.

An air of optimism pervades the Tuskegee campus. The new men who have joined the squad are showing an earnestness, a willingness, and the sort of enthusiasm that was displayed during the days when Ben Stevenson's name was a house-hold word throughout America — and they are absorbing football. Some of these new men may be the ones who will restore the Golden Tigers to a front rank position in the Southern Conference. Who knows?

The opening game will be played with LeMoyne College in the Bowl on September 23. The indications are that first game attendance records will be broken. Alumni from Montgomery, Opelika, Birmingham, Atlanta, and from other cities in the South have informed athletic officials that they will be on hand and will assist the student body in every way possible to achieve a victory.

LeMoyne Defeats Tuskegee By 19-0

Memphis School Eleven Downs Tigers Before 3,000 Fans.

TUSKEGEE, ALA., Sept. 23.—In the opening football game of the season here this afternoon, Lemoyne College of Memphis, Tenn., defeated Tuskegee by a score of 19 to 0. Approximately three thousand persons turned out to witness the battle in the Alumni Bowl.

It was the sparkling play of the veteran Halfback Hall, Leymone's steller backfield ace, who carried the fight for his team. His passing, line bucks end runs and all around playing, paved the way for his teams three touchdowns.

The first quarter resulted in a scoreless tie but Lemoyne came back strong in the second quarter when Smith, Henry and Hall alternated in carrying the ball to Tuskegee's eight yard line where Hall lateralled to Smith for the initial touchdown of the afternoon. Hall's try for the extra point was blocked. The half ended Lemoyne 6, Tuskegee 0.

Tuskegee opened the second half with a fast charging attack but an intercepted pass by Lemoyne ended the rally near mid-field. At this point, Lemoyne took to the air and completed three beautiful passes but Tuskegee held near the end of the third quarter and kicked out of danger. Lemoyne again started the passing combination of Hall to Breadon and Hall to Pugh until the ball rested on Tuskegee's five yard line where Smith went over the second touchdown. Halls try for the extra point was blocked.

Near the closing minutes of the game Hall completed a thirteen yard pass to Breadon, placing the ball on Tuskegee's eight yard line where Smith again went over for the third touchdown. Boones place kick was good. Tuskegee's seventy-two piece band paraded during the half. Final score: Lemoyne 19, Tuskegee 0.

Opelika, Ala. News
September 21, 1939

TUSKEGEE SCHEDULE

Tuskegee Institute— (Special) — The 1939 schedule for the Golden Tigers of Tuskegee is as follows:

Saturday, September 23—LeMoyne College at Tuskegee.

Saturday, September 30—Xavier University at New Orleans.

Saturday, October 7 — Morris Brown College at Tuskegee.

Friday, October 13—Wilberforce University at Chicago.

Saturday, October 21—Florida A & M. College at Tuskegee.

Friday, October 27—Morehouse College at Columbus, Ga.

Saturday, October 28—Morehouse College (Freshman) at Tuskegee.

Saturday, November 4— South Carolina State College at Orangeburg.

Saturday, November 11—Knoxville College at Tuskegee.

Saturday, November 18—Southern University at Scotlandville.

Thursday, November 30—State Teachers College at Montgomery.

Hornets Rule Favorite Over Tiger Eleven

Local Team To Capture Title If They Beat Old Rivals

With the apparent prospect of good weather, the stage is set for another feature athletic Thanksgiving Day football attraction at Cramton Bowl this afternoon at 2 o'clock when the State Teachers College Hornets and the Tuskegee Institute Tigers meet for their 16th annual Cramton Bowl game as the climaxing finale of the Southern Conference race.

The game will again be a closely-fought affair despite the evenness of the season's records for the rivaling squads. Previous records amount to very little in this good natured neighborly grudge battle as is evidenced by the scores of the earlier years when the Tigers were national champions but were held to tie scores in 1927 and 1928 by rather average Hornet teams and that were held to their narrowest margins of victories in other big Tiger years. The Hornets are on top in the conference this season with no conference defeats and two conference tie scores while the Tuskege Tigers have won only one conference game while losing their other five conference affairs. The Hornets are in for the conference championship this afternoon if they win or tie and may even get the conference flag in defeat if Florida also defeats Xavier this afternoon down at Tallahassee where Xavier is now in second position.

There will be stars galore for this game. Alabama State has an aggregation of ball carriers who are used in rotation and can be substituted with even effectiveness. Each of these carriers is anxious to get off his touchdown run and there can be plenty of scoring if Greene, Cheatam, Kirkle, the two Smiths and Lundy get in their long spurts while Foston, Hansborough and Wilkins are doing the shorter but quite as effective yardage. Tuskegee will threaten with Frazier and Moore for most of their running and aerial offensive although there will be the several freshman backs who are now about to gain effectiveness after a first season of college football. There will be linesmen honors, too, with Sawyer, Jones, Dyles, Griggs, Sullinger, Roberts and Richardson toplining the Hornet forward wall while Ellerbe and Fyles and Bowman give trouble from the Tiger side.

The feature will be the many associated sidelight attractions and demonstrations. The State College campus was aglow last night with the several electrical effects and topped the night with a torchlight parade and with the showing of films from the 1938 game. This morning at 10, the annual feature downtown parade will move up Commerce Street from Tallapoosa and through the Square up Dexter Avenue to the Capitol and out to the college. The parade will feature four bands including the Lincoln School band from Birmingham and the State Reform School band in addition to the two college bands. There will be floats from 18 college organizations and from at least 10 firms in addition to the several marching groups that will contribute splendor to the parade and make the parade almost a rivaling attraction to the game. Just before the game, there will be field demonstrations by the bands and the rendition of the Star-Spangled Banner by the massed bands as the flag is hoisted. The national A. A. U. championship girls track team from Tuskegee will be introduced as will be Willis Ward, former track captain and former gridiron luminary for the University of Michigan. Former Coach Gaston F. Lewis, now head mentor of the Wilberforce University Green Wave, who tutored the Hornets here for the nine-year period from 1926 through 1933, will be a guest of the game to be presented at that time. Between the halves, there will be the customary flare of pageantry as the two schools each contribute their seven minutes of entertainment that will feature the Tuskegee Institute band and the several supporting demonstration units from the State Teachers College who support the State College band.

With thousands of visitors in town for the game and the associated attractions which include dances, bridge tournaments, student leadership conferences, the all-star high school game on Friday afternoon and teacher-group conferences, this occasion continues to grow and to mean increasingly more to Montgomery as one of the big events on its annual calendar not only for the colored population but for many others who share in the day's entertainment and see the best in negro football staged under the most dramatic and gala circumstances.

Probable starting lineups:

Tuskegee	Pos.	Ala. State
Ellerbe (51)	LE	Roberts (63)
Brown (24)	LT	Sawyer (64)
Fyles (23)	LG	Jackson (84)
Bowman (17)	C	Jones (58)
Kirk (38)	RG	Dyles (68)
Lewis (30)	RT	Griggs (61)
Fretwell (10)	RE	Sullinger (72)
Frazier (1)	FB	H'sborogh (65)
Moore (3)	LH	Cheatam (67)
Sams (19)	RH	Lundy (81)
Smiley (20)	QB	Crowe (88)

Officials — Referee, Harvey (Colgate); umpire, Knox (Talladega); linesman, Starr (Morehouse); field judge, Young (Chicago Defender).

Time of game, 2 p.m.

Place of game, Cramton Bowl.

Tuskegee-State Game Receives Mayor's Smile

Advertiser

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The mayor's endorsement and appeal follows:

"To the People of Montgomery, greetings:

"Whereas, the annual football game between the teams representing the State Teachers College of Montgomery, and Tuskegee Institute has become an institution, and

"Whereas, the closest feelings of friendship exist, and the true spirit of sportsmanship is displayed, despite the fact that the game is hard fought every inch, with no quarter asked and no quarter given, and

"Whereas, the colored citizens of Montgomery and surrounding territory play such an important part in the workaday life of this community,

"Now, therefore, I, W. A. Gunter, Mayor of the City of Montgomery, do hereby urge all of our citizens, white and colored alike, to take advantage of the opportunity afforded to attend this great classic, when colored football supremacy for Alabama will be decided. The game will be played at 2 p.m., on Thursday, November 30, at Cramton Bowl."

COACH ABBOTT DRILLS SQUAD FOR STATE GAME

Ala 12-3-37

Chicago Ill.

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala., Nov. 30—Coach Cleve L. Abbott continued to emphasize pass defense as he set about preparations for the Thanksgiving Day battle with State Teachers' college which will be fought at Cramton Bowl in Montgomery, beginning at 2:00 o'clock. The coach added a group of aerials to the Tiger squad's already large repertoire. With Albert Frazier, senior, whose home is in Savannah, Ga., on the releasing end, and with Louis Slade, football and cinderpath star, and Mozel Ellerbe, America's No. 1 sprint star, as receivers, fans may expect to see the aerials pulled down from all angles. It would appear that the Tigers will depend upon an assortment of passes to reach touchdown territory.

The Tuskegee coach has spent much time drilling his men to stop State's well executed touchdown play. It starts out as a neatly executed reverse and winds up with a long touchdown pass. It has been successfuly worked against all opponents this season and it is the one play that is expected to "pay off" against Tuskegee. If the Tigers fail to follow the ball and to carry out their various assignments, State may get the jump on them and befuddle them so thoroughly that they will not be able to "get-together" sufficiently to halt the Hornets' attack. If State ever gets to going the fans in the stands will need no Dr. Gallup to forecast the outcome.

Strength has been added to the Tuskegee line by the addition of two stalwarts from B team. These men have done remarkably well in practice and while the game on Thursday will be their first major engagement they are determined to turn back the thrusts of Coach Lewis' strong front line.

Smiley, the Tuskegee quarterback, will select the plays for the Tigers. Coach Abbott has taken him to Cramton Bowl several times recently and has walked over the terrain with him and has schooled him in offensive and defensive tactics, so it would seem he has a pretty fair idea of what it will take to deliver when he faces one of the best teams in Hornet history.

The State-Tuskegee game holds the spotlight in Southern Conference football clashes on Thanksgiving Day. The railroads and bus lines have informed State Teachers' college and Tuskegee Institute athletic officials say adequate transportation facilities will be provided for patrons desiring to come to Montgomery for the contest. Many fans will reach the city by private conveyance. Present indications are that previous attendance records will be broken.

Tuskegee's unexpected 12 to 6 victory over Wilberforce university at Soldier Field in Chicago in October is an indication that the Tigers can come through in a crisis and an unexpected bounce of the ball may turn the tide in favor of the Tigers.

The Montgomery-Tuskegee club, Julius W. Pryor, well-known and highly regarded Tuskegee alumnus, president, has informed the institute officials that the club will provide the usual satisfactory arrangements for the large number of young women who will come from the institute campus and community for the game. This group will be on hand to welcome the young women when they arrive on Train No. 35, and will see that they are furnished entertainment and a hot dinner prior to the game. Many parents and friends will be on hand to join in the welcoming.

The grand street parade which will get underway promptly at 10:30 will move up Commerce street and will pass through the downtown district. The parade will disband at State Teachers college.

Tuskegee School Releases 1940 Grid Schedule

Ala 12-24-39

Chicago Ill.

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala. Dec. 23.—The Golden Tigers of Tuskegee Institute will play a schedule of nine games during the season of 1940, it was announced today by the Committee on the Regulation of Athletics, opening on September 28, at the Institute with the Xavier University Gold Rush team of New Orleans, and closing with the traditional Thanksgiving Day game with the Hornets of State Teachers College at Cramton Bowl in Montgomery. The Tuskegee-Wilberforce game will be played at Soldier Field in Chicago Friday night, October 11. Georgia State College of Savannah will come to the Bowl for a game on October 19, and Benedict College of Columbia will be met in the Bowl on November 16. The homecoming game, which will be with South Carolina State College, will be played in the Bowl on November 2.

The schedule follows:

Sept. 28—Tuskegee Institute vs University at Tuskegee.

Oct. 5—Tuskegee Institute vs Morris Brown College at Atlanta.

Oct. 11—Tuskegee Institute vs Wilberforce University at Chicago (Night).

Oct. 19—Tuskegee Institute vs Georgia State College at Tuskegee

Oct. 25—Tuskegee Institute vs Morehouse College at Columbus Ga. (Night).

Nov. 2—Tuskegee Institute vs South Carolina State College (Homecoming).

Nov. 9—Tuskegee Institute vs Knoxville College at Tuskegee.

Nov. 16—Tuskegee Institute vs Benedict College at Tuskegee.

Nov. 21—Tuskegee Institute vs State Teachers College at Montgomery.

1939 TUSKEGEE SQUAD WHICH MEETS WILBERFORCE, FRI. OCT. 13

Defender 10-14-39 Chicago, Ill.

The 1939 Tuskegee Institute football team of Tuskegee, Ala., which meets Wilberforce university of Chicago on Soldier's Field, Chicago, Friday night, Oct. 13. Left to right (back row): Walter Edwards, Harold Carter, Howard Ray, Major Eldridge, Louis Slade, Jacob Ross, William Fuller, William Kitt, Daniel James, Joshua Brown, Richard Lewis, Charlie Sesswell, Wadeel Everett, Edgar Lewis, Lonnie Files, Ernest O'Rucke. Middle row: Upshaw Sams, Arthur Sawyer, Robert Moore, Leonard Sharpe, Leonard Hollins, James Rowser, James Williams, Sam Vensent, Amos Kirk, Silas Hill, David Carter, Carter Bowman, Thomas Hornburger, Henderson Fors. Front row: George Robinson, Maulsby Clemeuceau, James Smith, Robert Ivey, Marion Smiley, Richard Ducan, Marvin Fretwell, Albert Frazier, Randell Williams, Theman Smith, Dennis Stewart, William Shaw, Raymond Head.

TUSKEGEE TEAM ARRIVES; HOLDS SHORT WORKOUT

The Tuskegee institute football team arrived in Chicago yesterday and went through limbering up exercises in Washington park in preparation for the 10th annual game with Wilberforce university on Soldiers' field tomorrow night.

Members of the Tuskegee team came by bus from Alabama and established headquarters in the Y. M. C. A. at 3763 South Wabash avenue. Coach Cleve L. Abbott stated that a final practice session will be held in Washington park this afternoon.

The Wilberforce team, also traveling by bus, is expected to arrive from Ohio at 7 o'clock tonight. Both squads will be entertained tomorrow noon at dinner at 410 East 47th street.

Tuskegee Defeats Industrial Eleven

TUSKEGEE, Ala.—Displaying a fine running and passing attack, the Tuskegee High School Indians romped to a decisive 25 to 0 triumph over Southern Industrial Institute, of Camp Hill. It was Tuskegee's sixth win of the season against only one loss and a tie.

The Camp Hill warriors outplayed the Blue of Hue throughout the first quarter, once driving to Tuskegee's 10-yard line. The Tuskegee gridders hit their stride about the middle of the second quarter, however, and thereafter thoroughly demonstrated their superiority.

Tuskegee Putting All Eggs In One Basket

Daily Record 11-29-31

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala.—We talked today with Cleve L. Abbott, the crafty Tiger mentor, while he sat in his work room in Logan Hall nailing cleats on the shoes of the players who will see action in the game with State Teachers College which will be played at Cramton Bowl in Montgomery tomorrow (Thanksgiving Day).

"Coach, what are your chances for a victory in your last game of the season?" we asked. "I wish I knew," was his laconic reply. "State has a team of unusual power and brilliance and should, on paper as well as on the green grass, keep a couple of touchdowns ahead of us, if you just must know," he said.

After completing his cleat job the Tiger coach got up and moved over to a blackboard. "Look at these diagrams. These are defensive set ups which I have designed to stop State's attack. A group of heavier men would be better able to handle these assignments, but if we can attain perfection during our practice periods, I feel sure the boys will make it interesting for the opposition as well as for the spectators," he continued in a very thoughtful sort of way.

COACH ABBOTT FEARS STATE

The Tiger Chieftain spoke with caution. We could see that he fears State and that he is very anxious to achieve a victory. He has personally inspected all equipment. He has done the necessary repairing on the shoes and has done all of the cleat work for every game. He told us these details are as important as being able to carry out a definite team assignment. "These are important aids to the fullfilment of the assignment," he said. He made it clear that he had taught the men a considerable amount of football; that they had responded with enthusiasm and interest and should close the season playing one of the best games in which they have been engaged this year.

"The men are reacting to the coming clash with the Hornets in a very admirable sort of way, and I am hoping that that peculiar bounce of the ball which seems to occur in every game, will be in our favor," he said, as he sat down and began more repairing and adjusting cleats.

It was clear to us that Coach Abbott fears State as we walked out of his work room and left him repairing the shies of his players and musing over the approaching Thanksgiving engagement.

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Tomorrow's traditional Turkey Day football game between Tuskegee and State Teachers' College teams received strong endorsement Tuesday from Mayor Gunter who issued a proclamation requesting all citizens, white and black, to witness the game at Cramton Bowl. The mayor referred to the game as the "great classic" which will decide the colored football supremacy of Alabama.

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"To the People of Montgomery, greetings:

"Whereas, the annual football game between the teams representing the State Teachers College of Montgomery, and Tuskegee Institute has become an institution, and

"Whereas, the closest feelings of friendship exist, and the true spirit of sportsmanship is displayed, despite the fact that the game is hard fought every inch, with no quarter asked and no quarter given, and

"Whereas, the colored citizens of Montgomery and surrounding territory play such an important part in the workaday life of this community,

"Now, therefore, I, W. A. Gunter, Mayor of the City of Montgomery, do hereby urge all of our citizens, white and colored alike, to take advantage of the opportunity afforded to attend this great classic, when colored football supremacy for Alabama will be decided. The game will be played at 2 p.m., on Thursday, November 30, at Cramton Bowl."

Moore Is Hero Of Game

Robert Moore, former star on the Louisiana Normal high school team at Grambling, La., stole the show at Soldier field Friday night, Oct. 13, and scored the winning touchdown for Cleve Abbott's Tuskegee institute Tigers in the last five minutes of play to give the Alabama team a victory over Wilberforce university of Ohio in the biggest upset in our college football this season.

The final score was 12 to 6—enough to give the 13,000 odd cash customers a thrill and make them forget the chilly blasts that came from out of the northeast.

Moore was not by himself even if he did make the winning score. Playing by far the best game in the history of the classic—and this was the 10th game between the two institutions—both Tuskegee and Wilberforce showed that they were equal to any football team which represented an institution with a male enrollment such as either the Ohio or the Alabama school possesses.

Tuskegee Scores First

Tuskegee scored in the second quarter on a 48-yard forward pass from Albert Frazier of Savannah, Ga., to Mozel Ellerbe who was standing behind the Wilberforce goal line. Moore's attempt to convert by a place kick was blocked.

Both Moore and William H. Shnebly of Wilberforce missed place kicks from beyond the 40-yard mark in the first half. The half ended 6 to 0 in favor of the Alabama team. Moore again tried a place kick in the second period and it was short by inches.

Wilberforce opened up in the second and third quarters and for a time ripped the Alabama boys' line to shreds. Led by James Castleman, Wilberforce's 182-pound back from Lebanon, Ohio; James Robinson, 205-pound back from Dayton; Arthur Brown, 160-pounder from Woodbury, N.J.; James Hart, 180-pound back from Chicago, and Bernard Proctor, 160 pounds, Glenolden, Pa., the Ohioans made first down after first down.

In the third quarter, Robinson broke loose on end jaunts of 10 and 13 yards which placed the ball in scoring position. Fighting with their backs to the wall, Tuskegee's players tried their level best to stave off the mad rush of the Ohioans. Robinson, on the third down, went over on a line buck between his right guard and right tackle, but Schnebly missed the try for the —a faint reminder of the score of extra point. The score was 6 to 6 the first game between the two schools back in 1928 in Alumni bowl, Tuskegee.

In the fourth quarter, Ellerbe blocked a Wilberforce punt, but Tuskegee was unable to gain. They kicked. Wilberforce opened up with another attack that caused the east side of the field which held the Ohio rooters to have hope. A pass which had been completed was dropped by a Wilberforce receiver after he had started to run with the ball. In an effort to shift the ball from one hand to the other he dropped it and it was recovered by Tuskegee.

Moore Tricks Ohioans

Up to this point of the game Frazier had been a worry to the Ohioans. He filled the air with passes. This time Tuskegee's Moore faked a pass to Frazier which caused the Wilberforce line to spread and the secondary defense to cover Ellerbe and Slade. The play was from a punt formation. Moore bluffed a pass to James Smith, 170-pound fullback from San Fernando, Calif. then on a spinner went through a hole in the line and headed for the pay dirt, 35 yards away, unmolested. Moore's place-kick attempt was wide.

Wilberforce had a superior line. Judgment of plays was faulty. Tuskegee's pass attack with Frazier doing the hurling and either Slade, Moore or Ellerbe, the nation's No. 1 sprint ace, on the receiving end made true the prediction of the Chicago Defender last week when it said that Tuskegee had planned an "air raid" on the Ohioans.

Wilberforce tried 10 forward passes and completed two. Tuskegee tried 12 passes and completed four, one of which was a touchdown pass.

Wilberforce made 16 first downs but lost the game. Tuskegee, the winner, made but four first downs.

Wilberforce was penalized five times, three of which were for extra time-outs, and the other for off-side, a total of 20 yards. Tuskegee drew a total of 45 yards. The Alabamans were off-side once, took an extra time-out once, drew 15 yards for holding and another 15 for kneeing an opponent. The game was clean and fast.

Puzzle Explained

Many of the fans wondered why the officials brought the ball back to the Wilberforce 18-yard line after a Wilberforce player had run the rest of the distance of the field and crossed the goal line in the fourth quarter. The referee had blown his whistle indicating the forward progress of the ball had been stopped.

It was at this moment that the Wilberforce player took the ball from a Tuskegeean and made the wasted run. Since the ball had been declared dead, any play which followed was illegal.

"Miss Wilberforce" and "Miss Tuskegee" were introduced to the crowd. The Tuskegee band which was not brought north this year was greatly missed.

Although it rained Thursday night and again Friday afternoon, the condition of the field was excellent. The footing was such that neither team could have blamed defeat on it. The cold weather did hurt the crowd.

Tuskegee (12)		Wilberforce (6)
Ellerbe	LE	Bell
W. Fuller	LT	Schnebly
Kirk	LG	Carter
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Fyles	RG	Adriene
Sharpe	RT	Washington
Slade	RE	Brooks
Head	QB	Proctor
Frazier	LH	Castleman
Pearson	RH	Hart
Smith	FB	Robinson

Touchdowns — Ellerbe, Robert Moore, Robinson.

Substitutes—For Tuskegee: Robert Moore, Marion Smiley, Richard Douglass, Walter Edwards, James Williamson, Wordell Everett, Joshua Brown, Robert Ivey, Robert Lewis. For Wilberforce: Elbert Ebbs, Lindsey Bellinger, Clifford Brown, John Moore, Stanley Campbell, Troy Ross, Wallace Barry, Lymon Alexander.

Officials—Napoleon Rivers, Washington, D.C., referee; Mel Whedbee Louisville, umpire; Virgil Blueitt Chicago, headlinesman; Frank A Young, Chicago, field judge.

Tuskegee Club Plans Grid Classic Events

The completion of its plans leading up to and including the tenth annual Tuskegee-Wilberforce football classic, scheduled for October 13, at Soldier Field, will feature the regular monthly assembly of the Chicago-Tuskegee club, Sunday, Sept. 24 at 5:30 p.m., at Port College, 4401 South Parkway.

In addition to the round of social functions usually connected with the classic the organization will take up the matter of its members being hosts and hostesses to members of the famous Tuskegee institute varsity band which includes several charming, baton-twirling coeds of the Alabama shrine.

Miss Pearl C. Tate, recording secretary, who returned last week from the school where she held conferences with various officials, stated Monday that the musical outfit is all set to invade Chicago for the lakefront spectacle on the night of October 13, and Sunday's meeting of Tuskegeeans promises to be one of great importance to the sons and daughters of Tuskegee. Colonel John C. Robinson, president, will preside.

The Annual Musical Tea of the Chicago-Tuskegee club is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 1, at the Ambassadors club, 4336 South Parkway, Mr. and Mrs. Amos C. Saunders will be in general charge of the event.

Mrs. Una Van Zandt, treasurer and social chairman, is directing plans for the Chicago-Tuskegee club's annual gridiron ball and pigskin frolic on the night of October 12.

Among youthful Tuskegeeans who have already begun plans for entertaining visitors to the Tuskegee-Wilberforce football classic are: Miss Alberta I. Smith, 4915 Prairie avenue; Warren Henry, International House, 1414 East 59th street; Miss Silver Traylor, 614 Michigan avenue; Daniel J. Faulkner, 4947 South Parkway; and Miss Verlie M. Bell, 4957 Washington Park Court.

Tuskegee Is Beaten By Florida Aggies

TUSKEGEE, Ala., Oct. 21.—A fighting Tuskegee eleven went down to defeat here this afternoon at the hands of Florida A. & M. College by a score of 20 to 6. Approximately 3,500 spectators turned out to witness the battle and saw the stronger favorite Florida Alligators score once each in the first, second and third quarters.

Tuskegee scored in the second quarter as a result of an 18-yard pass, Frazier to Sams, who went across the Florida goal line standing up. Frazier's kick for the extra point was low. Final score, Florida 20, Tuskegee 6. The Tuskegee and Florida bands paraded during the half.

Tuskegee Tigers Upset Alabama State 6-0 In Southern Classic

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—A stunning 6-0 upset of the penant-bound Alabama State Teachers' College Hornets by the determined Tuskegee Tigers proteges of the crafty Cleve Abbott and a 6-0 victory margin of the North Alabama high school stars over the South Alabama high school stars headlined the athletic phase of the 1939 featured Thanksgiving weekend at the Alabama State Teachers College.

Conservatively and unanimously doped to shade Tuskegee by a comfortable two touchdown margin, the Hornets were unable to carry their offensive consistently to the payoff territory and had their consolation hopes for a time game dramatically upset in the third period when Mozelle Ellerbee, crack AAU cinder artist and Tiger end, intercepted a pass on the Tuskegee 13 yard line and dashed up the sidelines for the resultant margin of victory.

The game throughout was a demonstration of Hornet potential offensive with the Bama boys amassing first downs almost at will to get 15 first downs in contrast to a mere four for Tuskegee. However, their several touchdown threats within the ten yard line were nullified by the combined Tuskegee defense and their own uncoordinated attack. In the fourth period, a blocked Tuskegee punt became Alabama's ball on Tuskegee's two yard line but four attempted line thrusts went to naught.

Despite the score and the sometime ineffectiveness of the Hornets, there were thrills galore for the 8,000 spectators as the Hornets ripped off their long gains and as Tuskegee continually threatened with their aerial offensive. It was again Kirkle and Mississippi Smith and Lundy and Thomas Greene who were sparking the Hornet offensive with Holman Sawyer at tackle again the towering ace on the line. For Tuskegee, halfback Moore with his triple-threat responsibility, sparked the play with noble support from Ellerbee and Bowman.

However, it was again more than just a football game between the two top-notch Southern Conference rivals. The downtown parade of four bands, including the Lincoln School Band of Birmingham and the State Reform School Band from Mt. Meigs, numerous floats, attractive sponsors, and many decorated automobiles was the morning feature. The massing of the Tuskegee and Alabama State bands at the beginning of the game to play the Star Spangled Banner was appealing. The mid-game demonstration by the Tuskegee band with their feminine drum majors and buglers, and by the Alabama State aggregation with their band, their girls' drum and bugle corps, their girls' flag unit carrying flags to represent each of the member-colleges of the conference and the girls' pep club comprising a total of over 100 Bama State participants contributed to th eentertainment of the throng. There were the 8,000 spectators who came from points throughout Alabama and who included such out-of-state luminaries as President Felton G. Clark of Southern University, Dr. W. E. B. DuBois of Atlanta University, the famous Michigan grid and tract star Willis Ward, now of the Public Relations Department of the Ford Motor Company, Jesse O. Thomas of the Urban League, Attorney Frank J. LaStaff of Chicago, and the several conference coaches who took advantage of the late Alabama Thanksgiving Day to see more football.

A further unique associated athletic event was the second annual all-star high school senior football game at Hornet Stadium on Friday afternoon when 33 selected seniors from 13 high schools were pitted as a North Alabama team under the tutelage of Coach James E. Pierce against a similarly selected group of 40 high school seniors of 19 high schools as a South Alabama squad under Coach G. H. Lockhart. The winner was the North Alabama squad with a 6-0 score to even the count in the series as a result of the South Alabama squad having won by a similar count in 1938. These squads had been brought to Alabama State the first of the week for four days of final team preparation, and shared as well the inspiration of the Dixie Classic at Crainton Bowl.

—"Buy Christmas Seals"—

FOOTBALL RESULTS

Tuskegee 6; Alabama State 0.
Tenn. A. & I. 13; Lincoln (Mo.) 6.
Knoxville 19; Talladega 0.
J. C. Smith 13; Livingstone 0.
No. Car. A. & T. 7; No. Car. College 0.
Fla. A. & M. 33; Xavier 0.
Ala. A. & M. 37; Alcorn A. & M. 2.
Arkansas St. 12; LeMoyne 7.
Bluefield 39; Shaw 7.
Claflin 19; Morris 12.
Fayetteville 12; Elizabeth City 6
Bishop 7; Wiley 6.
Virginia St. 14; Hamptton 0.

87-Yard Hike By Ellerbe

Alabama State (0) Tuskegee (6)

Roberts	LE	Ellerbe
Jackson	LT	Brown
Sawyer	LG	Fyles
Jones	Center	Bowman
Dyles	RG	Kirk
Griggs	RT	Lewis
Sullinger	RE	Fretwell
Hansborough	FB	Frazier
Kirkle	LH	Moore
Lundy	RH	Sams
Means	QB	Smiley

Substitutes—Alabama State: Donaldson, Wilkins, Green, Lundy, Tidwell, Texas Smith, Cheatham and Hughes; Tuskegee: James, Rowser, Fretwell, Stewart, Slade, Sharpe, Williams.

Officials: Referee, B. T. Harvey (Colgate); umpire, T. J. Knox (Talladega); linesman, T. R. Starr (Morehouse); field judge, Frank A. Young.

By FRANK A YOUNG

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 8.—Mozel Ellerbe, the nation's number one sprint ace, turned out to be the life saver for Tuskegee institute's defeat of Alabama State Teachers in the Dixie classic on Thanksgiving Day, November 30, in Crampton bowl before 15,000 fans, many of them white.

Ellerbe's interception of an Alabama State pass on his own 13 and his mad dash of 87 yards to score the only touchdown of the game gave Tuskegee a 6 to 0 win and the dope bucket the darndest kicking over it ever had.

Tuskegee, rated to be soundly trounced as they were last year when Alabama State ran up a 26 to 0 score, played as an inspired team. Rated as at least two touchdowns superior to Tuskegee, Alabama State was a bitter disappointment to its followers and student body. The team wasn't on the field five minutes before two things were noticeable. One: the players were not in condition, and two: there was a seeming lack of coordination.

Neither team scored in the first half. In the first period, Alabama State team rallied. In the second Tuskegee 35 and in the second period State tried another from the 42. Both were wide.

State Lacks Scoring Punch

After Ellerbe's mad dash of 87 yards in the third period had put Tuskegee out in front the Alabama State teah rallied. In the second half, Tom Green of Troy, Ohio, Tom Lundy of Richmond, Ind., John Graham of St. Louis and Bill Means of Tuscaloosa, Ala., ripped the Tuskegee line for gains but the State Teachers eleven lacked a scoring punch.

Early in the fourth period, Lundy with the help of his mates, took the ball to the Tuskegee 3. Then on the fourth down Joshua Brown, Hilton, Ga., fresman, broke through and spilled Lundy for no gain and Tuskegee took the ball over.

When Robert Moore, Grambling, La., attempted to punt out from behind his own goal line, Capt. Delbert Roberts, Fostoria, Ohio, broke through and blocked the kick. The ball went bounding outside on the Tuskegee four with two Tuskegee players pouncing on it—but they had downed it after it had crossed the side lines and it was state's ball, first down and goal to go.

Goal Line Stand

Efforts to crack the Tuskegee forward wall between center and the left guard proved unavailing to both Lundy and Anthony Donaldson, St. Bend, Ind. State's coach trotted in substitution at this point and State was forced to take a five-yard penalty because of too many time outs. This proved costly because after the last try, State was a full yard from the goal line.

State opened with passes in the waning moments but the alert Tiger players kept batting them down. Leonard Hollins, Houston, center; Albert Frazier, Savannah, Ga., end; Richard Lewis, Ruston, La., tackle; Josh Brown, Hiton, Ga., tackle; Ellerbe who hails from Palatka, Fla., and plays left end, and Upsha Sams, the 156-pound stick of dynamite from Beaumont, Tex., were the Tuskegee stars. Robert Moore's punts, those long ones of the spiral variety, kept Tuskegee out of danger.

Besides Lundy, Greene, Graham and Means, Mississippi Smith (James W., of Laurel, Miss.) and Holman Sawyer of Picqua, Ohio, stood out. Sawyer, who has been playing a high class game all season, rounded out his second year in a blaze of glory. The work of Capt. Roberts was disappointing. Other than blocking the Moore punt in the fourth period, he did nothing unusual.

Tuskegee ended its season in a rather unexpected manner. Thursday's win gave the Tigers victories over Wilberforce, 12 to 6 in Chicago; over Knoxville, 9 to 7, in the Tiger homecoming game, and Alabama State, three victories in 10 games but victories over ancient rivals.

Alabama State had won six, lost one (to Tennessee State by one point, 13 to 14) and tied two. The Tuskegee win added one more to State's lost column.

Statistics show that Alabama State made 15 first downs to Tuskegee's three. State gained 326 yards from running plays to Tuskegee's 41. State attempted 20 passes, four were intercepted, seven were completed. Tuskegee completed three of its seven attempts, three were intercepted.

Alabama State was penalized 65 yards and Tuskegee was penalized 70 yards.

The downtown parade of four bands, including the Lincoln school band of Birmingham and the state reform school band from Mt. Meigs, numerous floats, attractive sponsors, and many decorated automobiles was the morning feature.

The massing of the Tuskegee and Alabama State bands at the beginning of the game to play the Star Spangled Banner was appealing.

The mid-game demonstration by the Tuskegee band with their drum majorettes and buglers, and by the Alabama State aggregation with their band, their girls' drum and bugle corp, their girls' flag unit carrying flags to represent each of the member-colleges of the conference and the girls' pep club comprising a total of over 100 State participants contributed to the entertainment of the throng.

President Felton G. Clark of Southern university, Dr. W. E. B. DuBois of Atlanta university, the famous Michigan grid and track star, Willis Ward, now of the public relations department of the Ford Motor company; Jessie O. Thomas of the Atlanta Urban League; Frank J. La Staff of Chicago and the several conference coaches who took advantage of the late Alabama Thanksgiving Day were among the spectators.

Green Wave Beaten by 12-6 Score

CHICAGO—(ANP) —Tuskegee Institute, victim of three successive defeats, hadn't scored this year until Friday night, but after making its first touchdown, the Alabama football team thought so well of the idea it went on to upset a favored Wilberforce University eleven, 12 to 6, in the tenth annual game.

A crowd of 10,000 fans sat through 45-degree weather and chilling blasts off Lake Michigan to see the Alabamans outplayed except for two quick touchdown thrusts. Wilberforce made 17 first downs to 4 for Cleve Abbott's boys.

Passes 45 Yards

Tuskegee scored first in the second quarter when Albert Frazier heaved a brilliant 45-yard pass to Mozel Ellerbe, who made a diving catch in the end zone. In the third period, the Ohioans launched a 75-yard drive, featuring a 25-yard end run by James Robinson, with Robinson plunging over from 1 yard out.

Late in the third quarter, Robert Moore faked a shovel pass to Frazier and when the Wilberforce defense was decoyed to the left, spun over his own right guard for 46 yards and Tuskegee's second touchdown. In the third quarter, Moore tried a placekick standing on the 40 that did not have enough carry.

What loomed as a Wilberforce touchdown in the third period on an 80-yard run with an intercepted lateral was called back because the official's whistle had already blown.

Tigers out-classed

The losers seemed able to gain almost at will through the line between the 20-yard markers, but except for their scoring march, could not make a drive into pay territory. Tuskegee, running most of its plays from punt formation, was generally impotent except for the two scoring plays.

Wilberforce tried 13 passes, completing only two in the fourth quarter. Tuskegee also tried 13, completing three. Frazier, Ellerbe, Moore and Slade stood out for the victors, with Robinson, Castleman, Schnebley and Thomas starring for the Ohio team.

The line-ups:

Tuskegee (12)		Wilberforce (6)
Ellerbe	L. E.	Bell
Fuller	L. T.	Schnebly
Kirk	L. G.	Carter
Hollins	C.	Bass
Fyles	R. G.	Adrian
Sharpe	R. T.	Washington
Slade	R. E.	Brooks
Head	Q. B.	Proctor
Frazier	L. H.	Castleman
Pearson	R. H.	Hart
Smith	F. B.	Robinson

Substitutions: Tuskegee—Robert Moore, Smiley, Douglas, Edwards, Williamson, Everett, Brown, Jones, James, Ivey, Lewis; Wilberforce—Alexander, Campbell, Ebbs, Brooks, Hoffman, Bell, Belinger.

Referee—N. Rivers (Talladega); umpire—Mel Whedbe (Fisk); headlinesman—Virgil Blueitt (Lane Tech); field judge—Frank Young.

CRUEL, MOORE'S 39 YD. RUN UPSETS 'FORCE

By CHESTER L. WASHINGTON
Sports Editor

SOLDIERS' FIELD, CHICAGO, Oct. 13—Flashing through like a dazzling bolt from the blue which caught the opposition completely flat-foot-

Moore Power To Tuskegee!

Pos.	Tuskegee	Wilberforce
LE	Ellerbee	Bell
LT	Fuler	Schnelby
LG	A. Kirk	Carter
C	Hollins	Bass
RG	Fyles	Adrian
RT	Sharpe	Washington
RE	Slade	Brooks
QB	Head	Proctor
LH	Frazier	Castleman
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Substitutions: Tuskegee: Robert Moore, Smiley, Douglass, Edwards, Williamson, Everett, Brown, Jones, James, Ivey, Lewis. Wilberforce: Alexander, Campbell, Ebbs, Brooks, Hoffman, Bell and Belinger.

Officials: Referee, N. Rivers of Talladega; umpire, Mel Whedbee of Fisk; head linesman, Virg Blueitt of Lane Tech; field judge, Frank Young.

[illegible], Robert 'Red' Moore, Grambling, Louisiana's gift to the grid world, galloped down the glory trail, here, tonight [illegible]ds and the tell-tale touchdown which gave Tuskegee's Golden Tigers a heartening 12 to 6 upset victory over Wilforce's battling Green Bulldogs.

Moore's memorable touchdown trek was as baffling as it was brilliant. With but a few minutes remaining and the score deadlocked at 6-all, the sub back from Grambling dropped back to gamble on a faked pass. The Wilberforceans swarmed toward him with arms upraised to deflect the impending aerial. Then, in a flash, Moore tucked the oval under his arms and began his twirling, swerving dash to glory. Like a twisting tornado he swept through the Green Wave's forwards and then careened like a cyclone on a rampage to gobble up the remainder of the 39 yards between himself and glory territory.

TRACK STAR SCORES FIRST FOR TIGERS

Pacing Tuskegee's thrilling triumph and proving himself to be an excellent starter on the gridiron as well as on the track, was Mozelle Ellerbee, the Tigers' national collegiate sprint champion. Mozelle raced down the field. At first it appeared as if he was "reaching for the moon" which beamed down on the chilled 12,000 who gazed with electrified eyes at the spectacle. A second later Ellerbee had miraculously snared a beautiful 47-yard pass from Al Frazier down in the end zone. Then pandemonium reigned in the Tigers cheering section and the big score recorded in glowing letters the words: "Tuskegee 6—Wilberforce 0."

ROBINSON TALLIES FOR 'FORCE

The Green and Gold grid gladiators from Wilberforce were not without their array of shooting stars. There was Jim Robinson, the brilliant 205 back from Dayton who bolted over the Tuskegee goal line from the 3-yard line to tie the score in the third period. And there was Castleman, the two-legged bolt of grid lighting from 'Force who charged his way up to pay-dirt territory before his running-mate Robinson carried it over. And then there was Ebbs, that terminal-skirting, tackle-threatening back, who bounded through the Tuskegee forwards almost at will in the second quarter. Then, too, there was Schnelby who played a whale of a game on the Wilberforce line.

FRAZIER'S AERIALS FEATURE FIRST HALF

After a "feeling-out" first period featured mostly by a punting duel and an attempted air assault by Tuskegee's Frazier, serious hostilities started in the second quarter. The Tigers and the Bulldogs found themselves, both deadlocked on power plays into the center of the line, without either team gaining much advantage.

Then again Frazier called upon his flying squadron and this time the results were more gratifying. Following a 15-yard penalty on Tuskegee for roughing, Tiger projectile-tosser heaved a 12-yard aerial to the alert Slade. Then on the next play he shot that 47-yard bolt that made the hopes of Wilberforce go bogging down. Ellerbee grabbed the streaking pigskin out of a mass of Bulldog defenders and grounded it for a touchdown. The kicking attempt for the extra point was blocked.

'FORCEANS START BIG PUSH

Charged with new determination and bolstered by a line which was blocking beautifully, the Wilberforce backs started their mightiest offensive in the waning moments of the second period. Ebbs, Proctor and Hart sparked the Tiger's big push to the shadow of the goal line and failed only after Frazier came charging in to slap down two desperate touchdown-intended passes by Ebbs and Proctor.

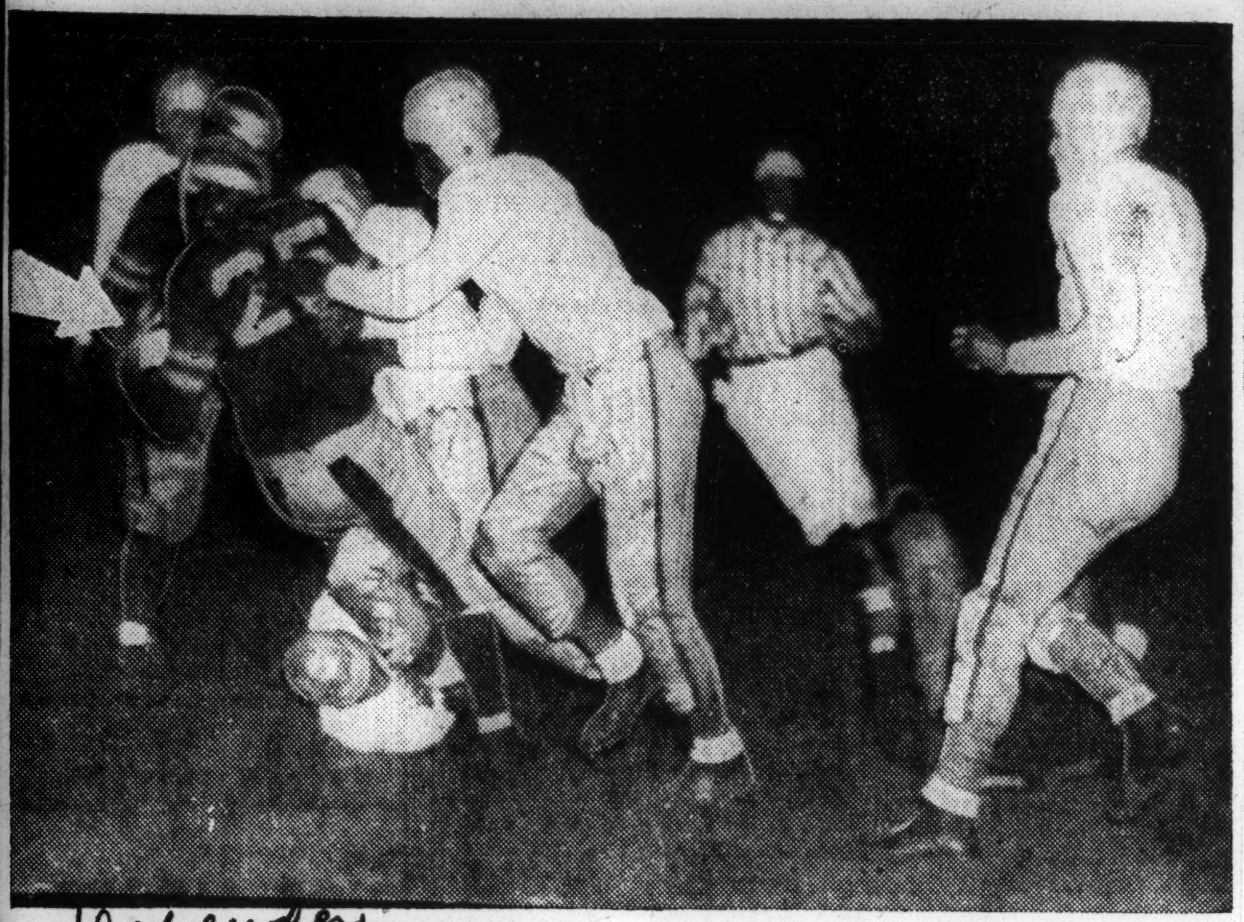
Castleman came galloping into the flare of the floodlights after the second half started to blaze the Bulldogs' way to striking territory. With Proctor and Proctor as galloping partners, the trio rolled up four first and tens in bringing the ball to the 3-yard line before Robinson bolted over the final stripe for the tally. Schnelby failed to kick the extra point. This deadlocked the score at 6-all.

MOORE FINALLY SNARES ONE

Then with the hearts and hopes of Tuskeege hanging on his throwing arm, Frazier tried vainly to make bulls-eyes out of his receivers' arms. But when his best shot slipped through the anxious mitts of Moore, his aerial circus had been routed.

Undaunted then, Moore took things in his own hands. Dropback in kick formation he called for the ball. He caught it and held it on high as if to shoot one heavenward. Then in a flash, he swerved and twisted his way to fame on the 39-yard touchdown victory dash which will imprint his name in Tuskegee's Glory Book in letters of enduring gold.

HERALDING OHIO'S ULTIMATE DOOM



This photo, snapped in the early moments of the Tuskegee-Wilberforce grid classic in Soldier's field, Chicago, Friday night shows a Wilberforce ball carrier about to be snowed under by a wave of Tuskegee tacklers. The play indicated a tenacious defense which the Alabamans were later to display in holding their foe to a lone touchdown while chalking up a 12 to 6 victory before 13,000 rabid fans.—Photo by Gushiniere.

WILL BE 10TH APPEARANCE OF TWO TEAMS

Alumni Prepare For Crowd

The premiere coming attraction on the calendar of sports for Chicago is the Tuskegee-Wilberforce football game which will be played under the lights at Soldier Field Friday night, Oct. 13, 8:00 o'clok. This game, which is the tenth annual appearance of Tuskegee and Wilberforce in Chicago promises to be the finest exhibition of gridiron tactics since the inauguration of the classic.

Tuskegee's aggregation of gridiron warriors, the most promising in recent years, will display some of the power and deception of the great Tuskegee teams of a few years back. Last year's handicap due to the lack of seasoned material has been overcome and the crafty Tiger Mentor, Cleve L. Abbott, former South Dakota State gridiron star, is bringing a group of players to Chicago which he feels will capably demonstrate that Tuskegee is back. Coach Abbott, whose mightly teams have been built around a Stevenson, Adams, Shanklin, Bailey, Harrison, et al, says this year's team will be an all around machine, capable of matching offense with defense and vice-versa. Frazier, whom a sports writer dubbed the "passer deluxe" can be expected to open up the game with his marksman-like aerials. The backfield has shown a smoothness and a power that will be a source of trouble to thier opponents.

Never before in the history of athletics at Tuskegee has there been greater enthusiasm and hope that Tuskegee's Tigers are again on the march and are determined to add to their great gridiron record. In fifteen years Tuskegee has played 161 games, won 117 games, tied 15 and lost 29. Tuskegee has scored 2,995 points to their opponents 878. In memory of that grand old man of Tuskegee Institute athletics, J. B. Washington, who passed this year, the Tigers are playing inspired football.

The Chicago-Tuskegee Club, Colonel John C. Robinson, President, and the Chicago-Wilberforce Club, Dr. Arnita Mahon, President are vieing for the honor of definitely increasing game attendance. The Tuskegee Club has placed an order for 50 tickets on the 40 and 50 yard lines and members of the organization are already rehearsing schools yells and songs. Tuskegee men and women from Gary, Rockford Indianapolis, Milwaukee, Detroit, Western Springs, Evansville, Louisville Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus Kansas City, Topeka, St. Louis and other sections of the North and Northwest have informed Colonel Robinson of their co-operation and support. Delegations from these points will be on hand for the game.

Wilberforce men and women have been busily engaged in disposing of tickets to alumni and friends and reports indicate that the sale of the ducats to date exceeds that of last year at this time. "The out-of-town orders for tickets have been exceedingly large and this has been very gratifying to the club," Dr. Mahon stated.

Interest in "Miss Classic" sponsored by The Ambassador Club, one of the leading organizations in Chicago, is mounting daily. The winner will be feted with dinners and dances and will be presented on all occasions where the Tuskegee and Wilberforce groups assemble prior to and at the game.

This football battle has brought to Chicago each year a large delegation of sports fans and the indications point to a record breaking attendance.

SUICIDE- 1939

Increasing Suicides

THE growing trend towards suicide as a swift way out of the perplexities of life was emphasized last week when three persons resorted to self destruction in various parts of the country.

The trend is disquieting since Negroes, having been steeled through years of exacting hardships to successfully combat the vicissitudes of every day life, had established a reputation for 'being weary, but no ways tired.'

The Virginia State Department of Health reported that in 1937, 380 persons took their own lives, an increase of six per cent over the 1932 figures, of which 19.4 per cent were white and 4.1 per cent Negroes. Statistics show that the percentage of suicides is higher in urban communities than in the rural areas.

In many instances, suicides are inspired by personal tragedy and economic defeats. It is believed by those who have given the matter scientific and social analysis that the home, church, school and social agencies can contribute much towards sane living and thus reduce the suicide rate.

It is not easy, however, for those who are slaves of environment and custom to resist the urge towards self-destruction when stripped of the things that are dear and precious to them. Unless courage is inborn it fails the weakling when courage alone can lead him from darkness into light. Prayer without work, and faith without belief are empty symbols when we reach the crossroad of human emptiness. Unless we inherit culture of the spirit as well as of the mind, the temptation to destroy one's self becomes a virtue.

Money Shortage Revealed In Tuskegee Suicide

TUSKEGEE, Jan. 27—(ANP)—Postal authorities checking over the accounts of Tracy Brannum, veteran and popular postal clerk who died by his own hand here two weeks ago, are said to have found a considerable shortage. Mr. Brannum for years had been in charge of the money order and postal savings accounts at the post office. J. B. Washington, postmaster at Tuskegee for 40 years, died last October.

Conjecture among Mr. Brannum's many friends points to the presumption that, knowing the advent of a new postmaster meant the auditing of office accounts, and seeing no immediate way out of the situation, which it is reported covered a period of years, Brannum chose death rather than face exposure. Brannum died from a self-inflicted revolver wound Friday, Jan. 13.

CLASS SEES 2 DIE

Meharry Student Writes Note Then Goes On Death Mission

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 31—(Special To The Argus).—Historic Gordon Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church was jammed to overflowing this afternoon at two-thirty o'clock by more than 1000 persons to pay reverential tribute to Dr. W. M. A. Forde, Meharry College ear, eye, nose and throat specialist, who was assassinated in his classroom last Friday morning shortly after eight o'clock by Eric Williamson, 24, of New York City.

For the past six years the distinguished professor had been superintendent of the Sunday School and held that office until the time of his death.

Other hundreds stood outside unable to gain admittance to the building under leaden, sombre skies accentuating the universal gloom occasioned by the violent death of the beloved physician. They shivered in the biting blasts of a wind-whipped January afternoon ever increasing in number until the very close of the funeral exercises. Inside amid a veritable wilderness of flowers the services proceeded.

According to an account of the slaying by an eye-witness, Dr. Forde was conducting the examination with Drs. Hernandez Rafael and Foster as watchers. Dr. Rafael saw Williamson fumbling with a small but very complete pony. He was sent to President Edward L. Turner, who on being informed of his act, told him that he was dismissed from the college in keeping with its strict rule against cheating.

Williamson then went home and wrote a typewritten note in which he left directions for the disposition of his body. He then returned to the classroom where the examination was in progress.

It was reported that Drs. Forde, Foster and Hernandez were standing in front of the room when they heard a voice say, "stand where you are." Turning they observed Williamson nervously pointing a pistol in their direction, as students screamed, "don't do that!" In an instant, he fired pointblank at Dr. Forde and then ran about 15 feet down the hall and fired another bullet into his own head, killing himself almost instantly. Dr. Forde died from a wound in the abdomen within a short time.

After the shooting, it was learned that the slayer had told many of the students that he would take personal vengeance against anyone who would interfere with his career.

Dr. Forde was 55 years old and had taught at the college for 22 years. He, himself, was a graduate of Wilberforce and had done much to help develop the only Southern medical school for colored students to an A rating. He is survived by a widow and son, Wells Forde, Jr., who is a Fisk U and Meharry graduate and interne at Homer G. Phillips Hospital in St. Louis.

Skegee Postmaster Ends His Own Life

TUSKEGEE, Ala.—(ANP)—Tracy Brannon, assistant postmaster at Tuskegee Institute, died at noon Friday from self-inflicted wounds. He was believed to have been despondent over a siege of ill health lasting more than a year.

Girl Who Wrote Threat To F.D.R. Attempts Suicide

TOPEKA, Kas., July 28—Lucille Harris, the young woman who wrote a letter to President Roosevelt, which was considered by federal agents as threatening, attempted suicide last week.

Rushed here from Lawrence, Kas., in an ambulance following her attempt to "end it all," Miss Harris is reported slightly improved.

Miss Harris has had her share of despondency, for it was grief over her inability to secure employment last spring that led her to writing to the President, thus making national headlines. However, held in jail for several months, she received no sentence.

War News On Radio Causes Suicide Leap

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NEW YORK, Sept. 7—Harlem had its first war casualty early Monday morning, when Mrs. Margaret Mitchell, 36, plunged from a bedroom window in her fourth-floor apartment at 147 W. 143rd street, during an epileptic fit, believed to have been occasioned by radio reports of the current European conflict.

Joseph Mitchell, a son, declared that his mother often suffered from such attacks in moments of great stress. She had been listening to early-morning broadcasts following the sinking of the British liner, Athenia. Leaving the radio, she retired to her bedroom. There it was that the fit struck her, resulting in the death leap. She died instantly.